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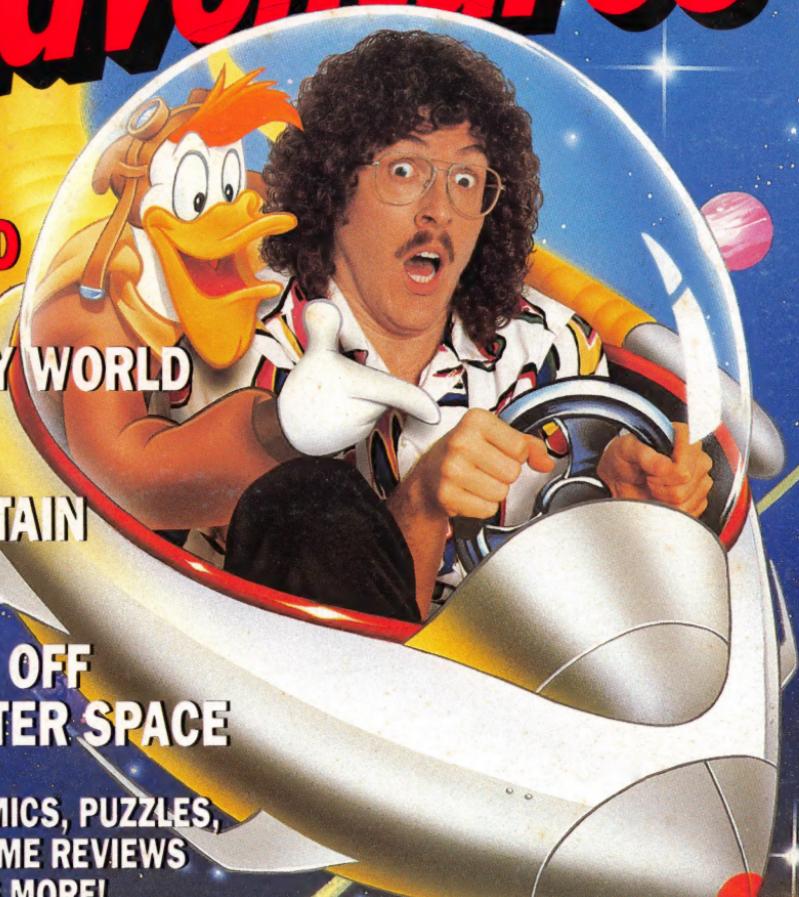
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I don't know
about you, but
I can't WAIT
'til the day we
can climb aboard a
shuttle and hop a
flight to the next

galaxy. This day may be closer than we think according to this issue's **BIG ADVENTURES: Outer Space**. And who would make a spacier cover star than **Weird Al**? When we took his photos, he was quiet and kind of shy...but he cracked us up every time he *did* open his mouth. We found out that spacey things happen on earth, too. Those water images we see on desert roads aren't caused by extraterrestrials—they're mirages.

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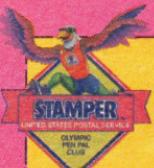
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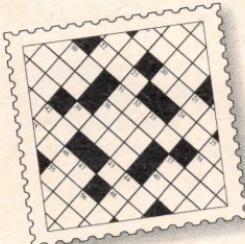
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Skiing the Swiss Alps was my kind of fun! When I took the pony-lift up the glacier, I had lots of self-confidence (even though I wasn't sure I could do it). So when I put on my skis, I was ready to learn how to ski. I was flying down the mountain—almost gliding. When I got to the bottom of the glacier, I was one of the happiest people in the world!

Jason Medina
Beverly Hills, CA

My biggest adventure was traveling on a plane with my sister Rachel to visit my Dad in California. I saw things like the Grand Canyon. In California I met lots of actors like John Candy and the kids from "Full House." I also went to the Hard Rock Cafe and

Disneyland. But the best part of the trip was being with my Dad.

Benjamin Tilden
Elkins Park, PA

I would like to see what Nintendo games other kids like in your magazine. I would also like to find out what other kids like on television and what games they like to play on the computer.

Stephanie Resnick
Brooklyn, NY

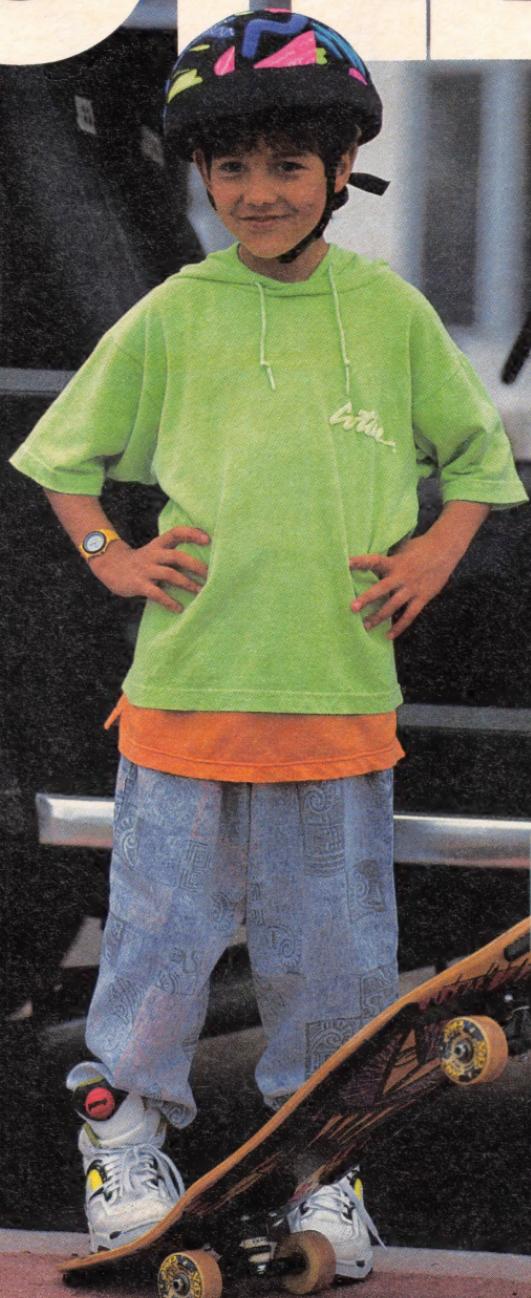
See page 82, Stephanie. Your wish has been granted!

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The

ROCKETEER

A COMIC BOOK HERO—

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Faster than a speeding bullet!

More powerful than a locomotive! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's . . . The Rocketeer!

First a comic book and soon a Disney movie, this is a story about a young stunt flyer named Cliff Secord who lives in Los Angeles in the 1930s.

He finds a top-secret rocket pack called the Cirrus X-3.

When he straps it onto his back and presses a little red button, he becomes the world's first flying man! **YAHOO!**

Dave Stevens, the man who dreamed up and wrote The Rocketeer comics, doesn't own a rocket pack and didn't grow up in the 1930s. (He's 35.) But ever since he

**Dave Stevens,
Rocketeer
creator**

FWOOSH!

ZOOM!



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THE START OF SOMETHING BIG.



BIG ON CHOCOLATE.

can remember, Dave has been nuts about the art and airplanes of that time.

"I was drawing pictures of Flying Tigers on everything," he says. Those were World War II fighter planes with sharp teeth painted on the nose.

Dave, who grew up in California, Idaho and Oregon, remembers watching old silent cartoons with his dad and making model planes. When he was about six, Dave wanted to be an animator for Disney. When he grew up, he worked on commercials and movies. But he never thought of writing and drawing comics for a living.

Then, in 1981, a company in San Diego, California, asked him to do a few pages in the back of two comic books, and The Rocketeer was born.

Hundreds of fans around the world wrote to say how much they loved the strip, so Dave drew some more. So far, seven chapters have appeared.

The movie, coming in June, is pretty close to the comic, Dave

says. There's a beautiful girl named Jenny, a loyal friend and fellow flying nut named Peevy, and lots of government agents and German spies chasing after Cliff and the Cirrus X-3.

It's all a fantasy, says Dave. But a lot of it is based on real people and places.

There was a Peevy, a Bulldog Cafe, and a Chaplin Airdrome in Los Angeles.

And they all came to life on the movie set. Even the airplanes.

There's a replica of Cliff's little racing plane, the GeeBee, built to break speed records in the '30s. There's a model of the famous autogiro, a cross between a windmill and an airplane, first flown in 1923.

And **GADZOOKS!** the hero, played by actor Bill Campbell, has a rocket pack that sounds like a jet and

GEE WHIZ! it really flies!

In his wildest dreams, says Dave Stevens, *he is The Rocketeer.* By next summer, every kid in America may feel the same way.

—Ruth Stroud



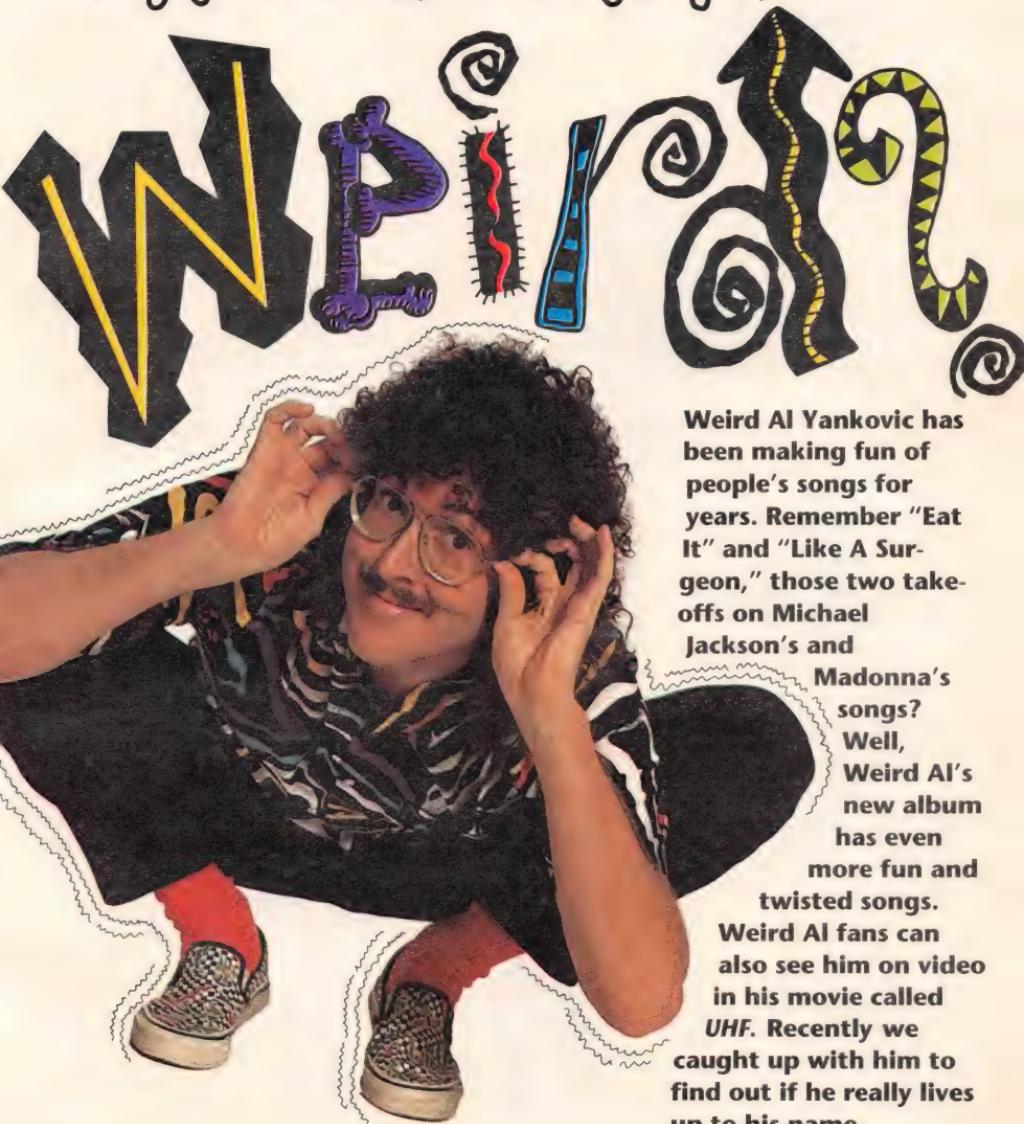
Bill Campbell, star of upcoming *The Rocketeer*.

STREET

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Q's & A's

WHAT MAKES WEIRD AL SO...



Weird Al Yankovic has been making fun of people's songs for years. Remember "Eat It" and "Like A Surgeon," those two take-offs on Michael Jackson's and

Madonna's songs?

Well, Weird Al's new album has even more fun and twisted songs.

Weird Al fans can also see him on video in his movie called *UHF*. Recently we caught up with him to find out if he really lives up to his name.



When did people start calling you "Weird Al"?

A: It's a nickname I picked up while I was in college. I was a part-time disc jockey on my campus radio station and I called myself Weird Al because all the music I played was, well, kind of weird.

Do you really think you're weird?

A: I used to think so until I met Milli Vanilli. Yikes!

When you were a kid, did you ever do something that made your parents really mad?

A: Once while my parents were out of town for a couple of days, I sold the house and used the money to buy a lifetime supply of wax lips. They were so mad when they came back they made me take accordion lessons.

C'mon, you're not serious. Is your whole family weird?

A: Actually, my family is pretty normal, but I suspect there are some pretty weird chromosomes floating around in their gene pool.





**What's the
weirdest thing
you did in school?**

A: Well, I don't usually like to talk about this experience because it was SO weird, but one time I turned a homework assignment in...ONE DAY EARLY!



**You make fun of
songs by Michael
Jackson and Madonna.
Have you met either of
them? What do they think
of your songs?**

A: I've met both of them and they were very nice. Michael has been especially supportive of what I do. He even asked me to be his opening act on the European leg of his last tour. Unfortunately, I had to turn it down because I was shooting my movie.



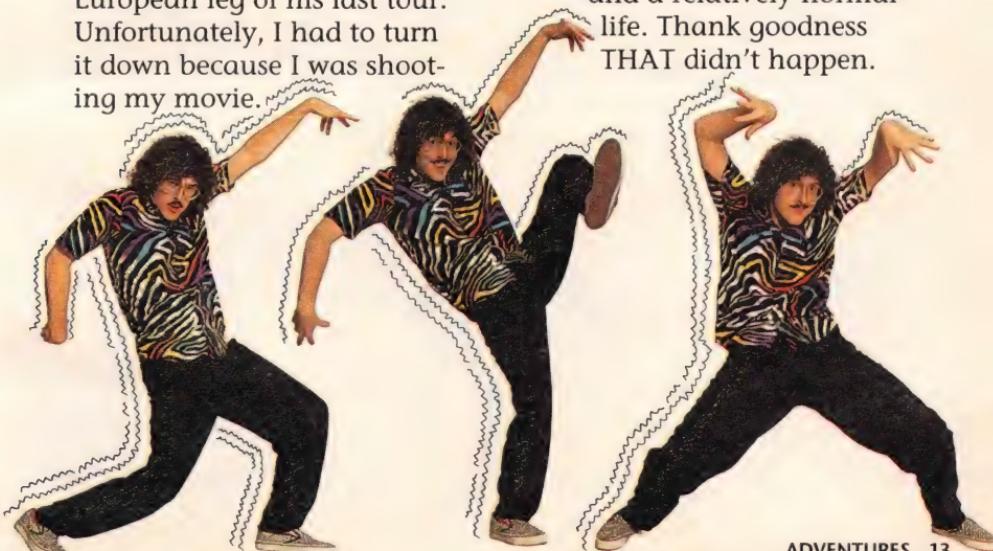
**Oh, yeah, UHF. In
that movie, you had
your own TV station. If
you really had your own
TV station, what kind of
shows would you put on?**

A: I would play "Wheel of Fortune" continuously for 24 hours every day. Then, after everyone's brain turned to mush, I'd TAKE OVER THE WORLD!! YA HAAAAAAA!!



**You really are
weird. Did you
always want to be an
entertainer?**

A: I never dreamed I'd be Weird Al for a living. I got a degree in architecture, thinking that someday I'd have a real job and a relatively normal life. Thank goodness THAT didn't happen.



Q's & A's



Who's your best friend?

A: My very best friend in the whole world is Harvey the Wonder Hamster. He's the only one who really understands me.



If you could do any of these things, which would you pick: travel 2000 years into the future, travel 2000 years into the past, or spend three weeks with Julia Roberts?

A: Well, I certainly wouldn't go 2000 years into the past because they didn't have cable. And I don't think I'd like 2000 years into the future because a little thing of yogurt would probably cost a million bucks. So, I'll have to go for the Julia Roberts package. I wonder if she likes to bowl?



Can you dance?

A: I dance a little in my videos and I work with a choreographer sometimes, but I've always thought of myself as a total non-dancer. I never went to a dance in high school, and even today it's next to impossible to get me out on a dance floor.



OK, one more question. If you could invite five people for dinner, who would they be?

A: I'd invite Emo Phillips, Uma Thurman, Amy Irving, Yma Sumac and Yoko Ono. I just think it would be fun to introduce them to each other. You know... "Emo, Uma, Uma, Emo. Uma, Yma, Yma, Uma. Yma, Amy, Amy, Yma.

Amy, Ono, Ono, Amy..." ☺



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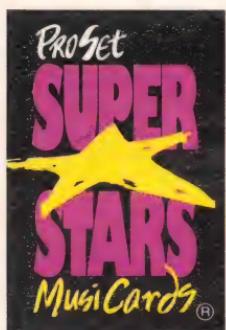


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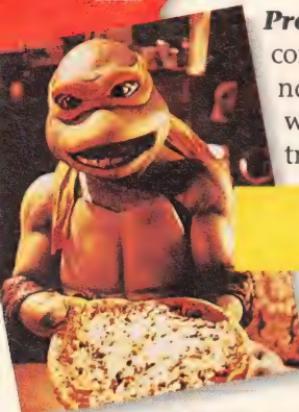
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Entertainment Guide

MOVIES

Those pizza-loving heroes on the halfshell are back! Yes, it's **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II**, a sequel to last year's smash hit. Look for it in a theater near you soon.

...It's no surprise that **Problem Child**, a comedy about a nasty little boy who creates trouble wherever



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

he goes, has spawned a sequel.

Problem

Child II features a little girl who wreaks havoc. What's next?

Problem Grandchild?

...**Christian Slater** has made so many films lately that he thinks it's time to slow down and

TONY DANZA

take a break—but only after starring as Will Scarlet in **Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves**, with **Kevin Costner**. ...It looks as if **The Neverending Story II**—sequel to the wildly



popular fantasy of a few years ago—is about to be released. Watch for it. ...And keep your eyes open for **Michael Keaton**, soon on the screen in **One Good Cop**!

CHRISTIAN SLATER

If the voice of the baby in the new mid-season show "**Baby Talk**"

sounds familiar, it should:

The voice belongs to

Tony Danza, star of

"Who's the Boss?"

The series is based on the **Look Who's Talking** movies, and Tony picks up where actor **Bruce Willis** left off on the big screen. ...Look for a special TV adapta-

TELEVISION

MORE TELEVISION

tion of *Alice in Wonderland* this

April when a four-hour musical movie of the Lewis Carroll classic is shown around the country. Check your local TV listings. . . . "Saved by the Bell" is now the number-one Saturday program for girls ages 6 to 17. So it should come as good news to all of you that

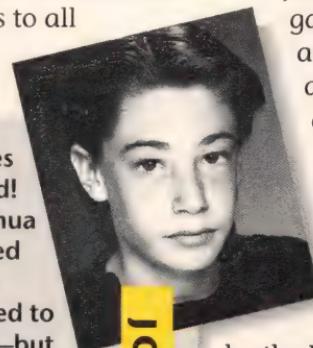
Talk about breaking into movies with lightning speed! Fifteen-year-old Joshua Rudoy always wanted to be an actor. His parents finally agreed to let him give it a try—but he had to quit if he didn't get work within three months. Mom and Dad must have been surprised: Two weeks later he appeared on a television show. After more television and several film appearances, Rudoy landed his own TV show, "What A Dummy," on the Fox Network, and is planning to work in more movies when he has time. What does he like about acting? "I love it when the audience responds, whether they're laughing or crying," he says.

"DOUBLE DRAGON"

NBC-TV has scheduled the series all the way through 1992. . . .

If "Double Dragon" is one of your favorite Nintendo video games, get ready: A live-action version of the game, about two brothers battling an evil crime lord, is coming to prime-time TV soon. . . . Almost 40 years ago, school segregation—separating students by race—was ruled unconstitutional

by the United States Supreme Court in a famous case known as *Brown v. Board of Education*. The new ABC miniseries called **Separate But Equal** will show what led to the landmark decision. . . . And did you know that the TV is now on almost seven hours a day across the country?



JOSHUA RUDOY



"SAVED BY THE BELL"



MUSIC

Susanna Hoffs is real excited about the release of her brand-new album: It's her first solo album after years of singing with **The Bangles**.

Susanna plays guitar and percussion on some of the record's 14 new songs. . . . You never know which songs will be picked every year at the Academy Awards for "Song of the Year" (from movies), but we know if we picked the Oscars, the trophies would go to "King of Wishful Thinking" by **Go West** and **Roxette**'s "It Must Have Been Love" (both off the *Pretty Woman* soundtrack), "Unchained Melody" by **The Righteous Brothers** (off the *Ghost* soundtrack), and **Jon Bon Jovi**'s "Blaze of Glory" (from *Young Guns II*). Watch the Oscars this month and find out who wins!



SUSANNA HOFFS

THE BAD NEWS BEARS



VIDEO

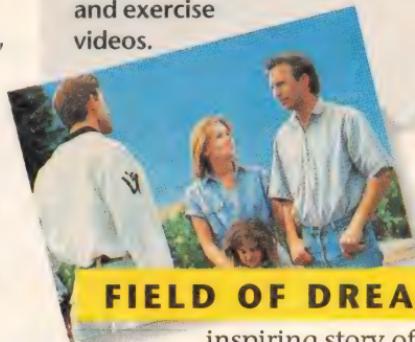
Baseball season is gearing up, so check out these movies at your video store:

The Jackie Robinson Story: This movie tells the

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VIDEO FACTS

Did you know that almost three out of four homes in the country have video cassette recorders? Yes, the VCR has invaded 69.4 percent of the country; it's almost as in demand as the telephone! . . . As a result, these days more people are renting and buying videos than are going to the movies. . . . New feature films are the most popular videos picked out at video stores, followed by children's videos, classic videos and exercise videos.



FIELD OF DREAMS

inspiring story of the first black man to play in major-league baseball.

Pride of the Yankees: Gary Cooper stars as baseball superstar Lou Gehrig.

The Bad News Bears: A team of misfit Little League players are rescued by the pitching and batting skills of Tatum O'Neal.

Field of Dreams: A farmer creates a baseball diamond in his cornfield where the ghosts of former baseball greats come to play. ☺



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Dodge killer bees. Hitchhike
on a bullfrog. In this forest,
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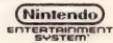


Watch out for dive bombers!
Riding this toy train isn't
child's play.

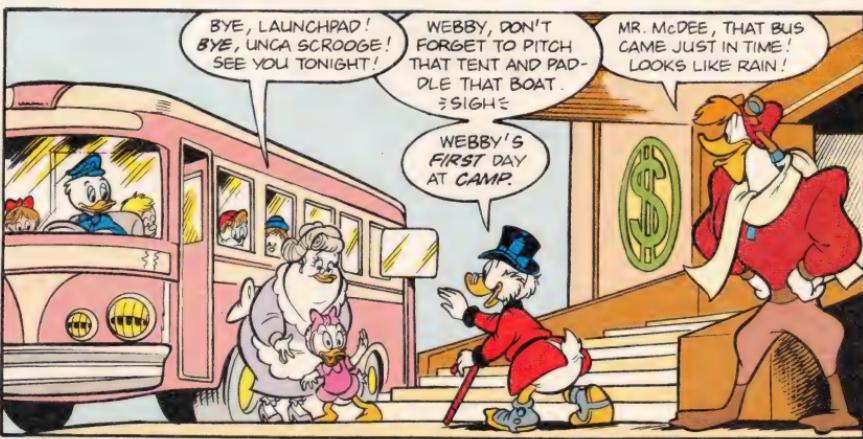
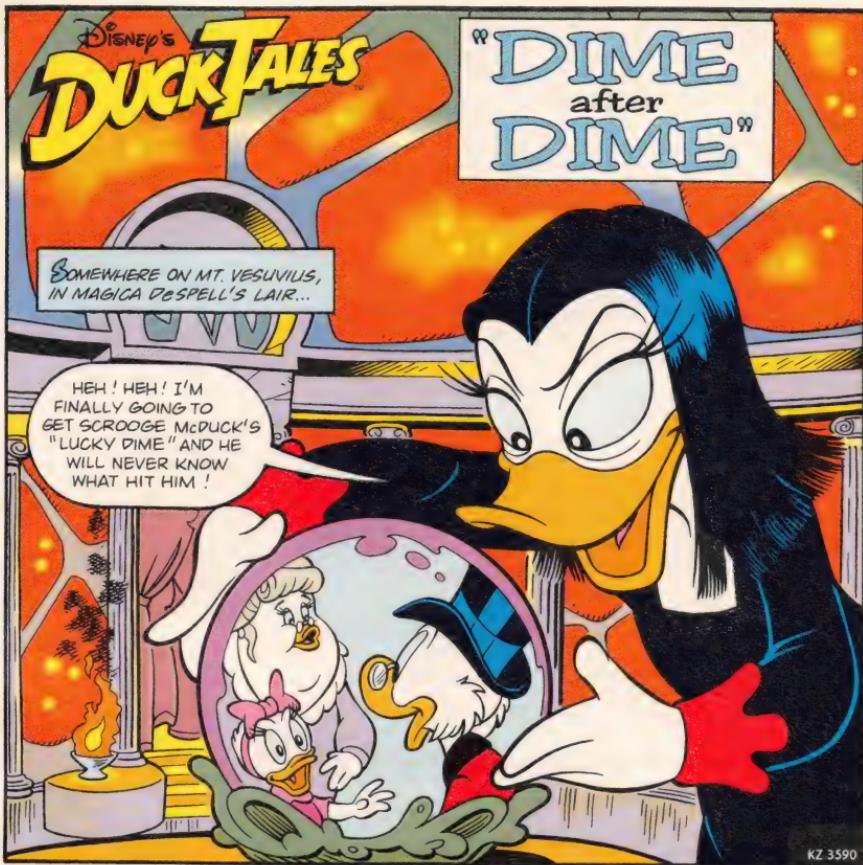
Your mission is to rescue the king of dreams from the lord of nightmares in this fantasy game for the Nintendo system. And if you think finding your way through these eight dream worlds is going to be easy, dream on.

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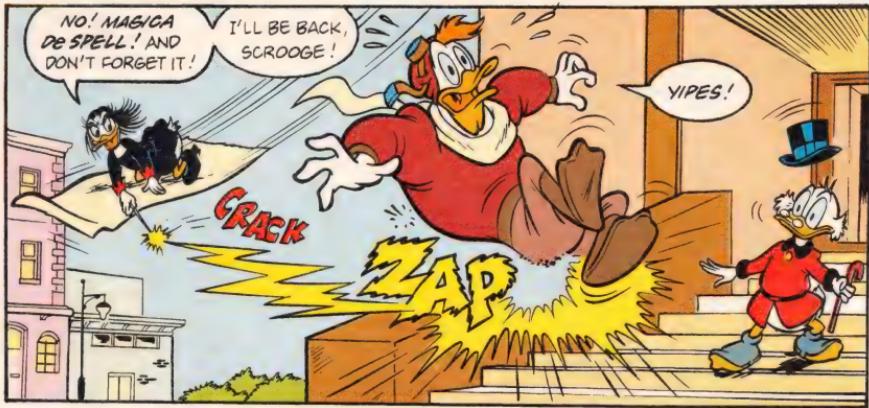
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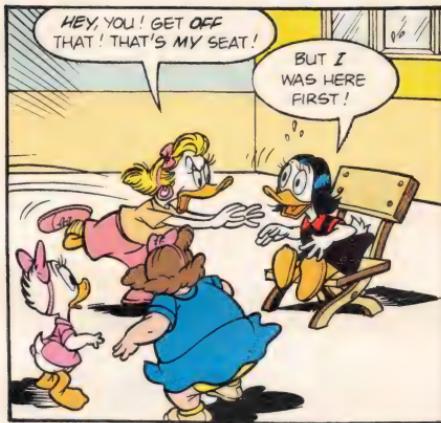
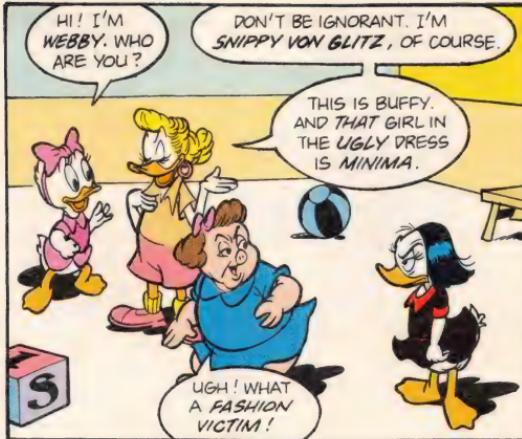
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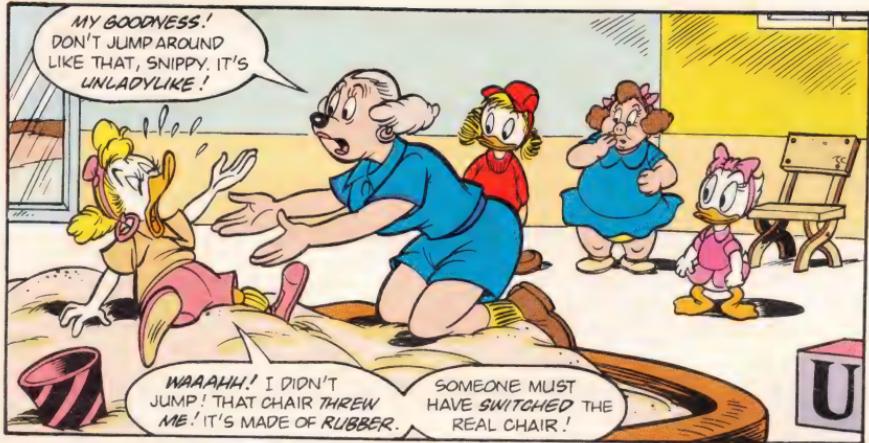
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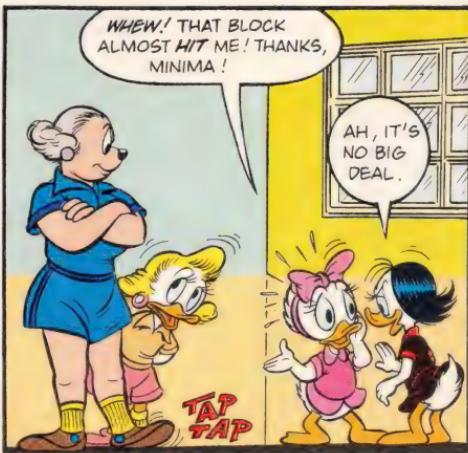
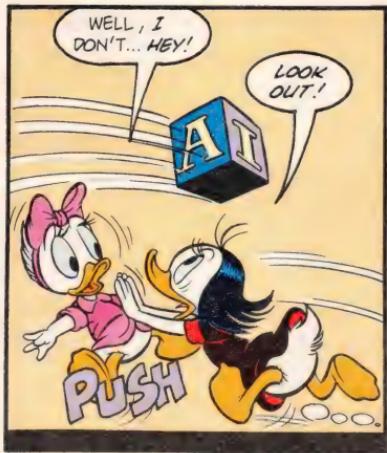


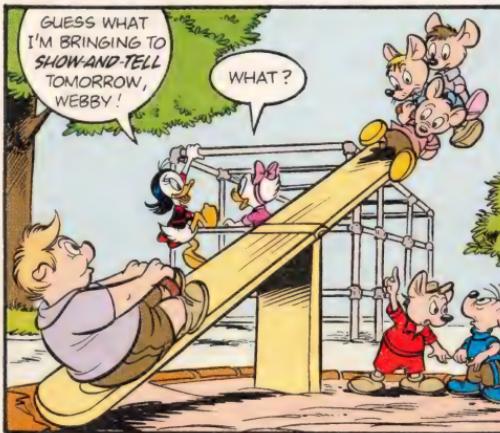


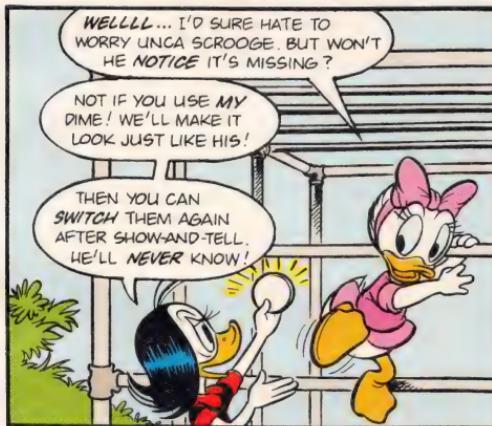
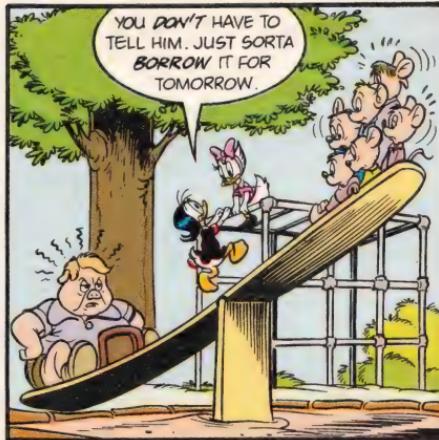
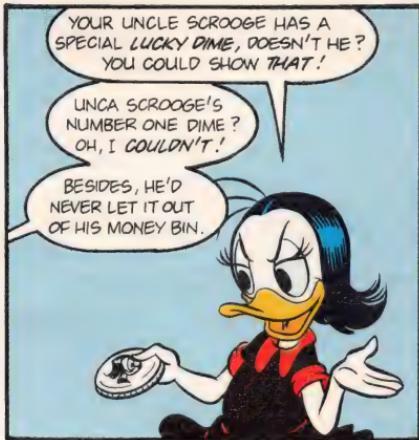


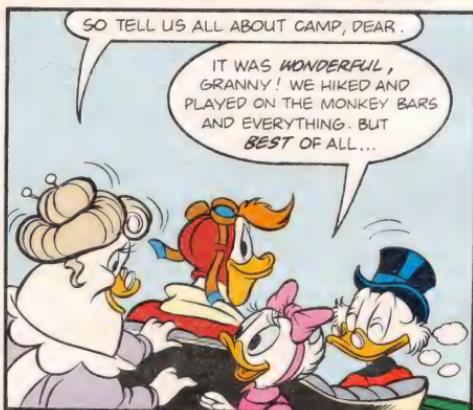
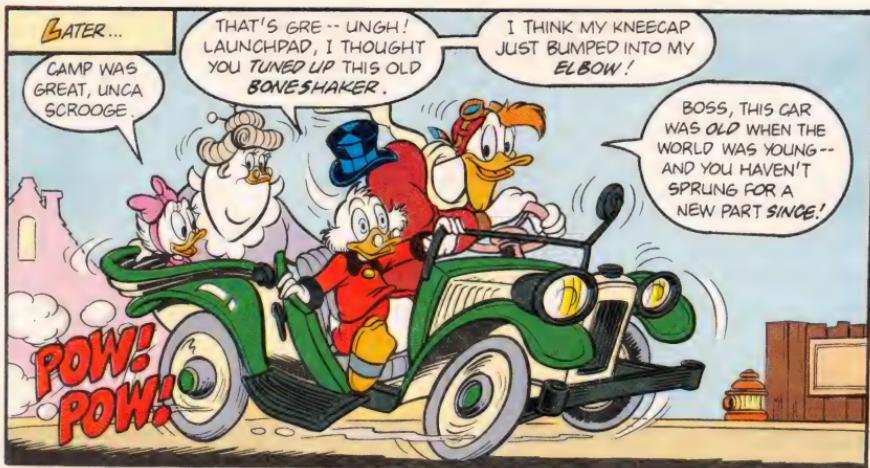


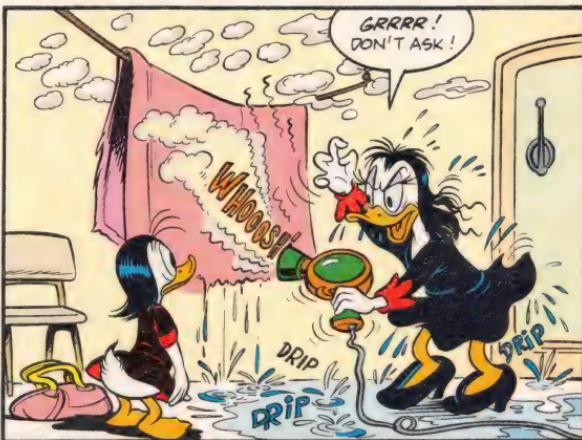






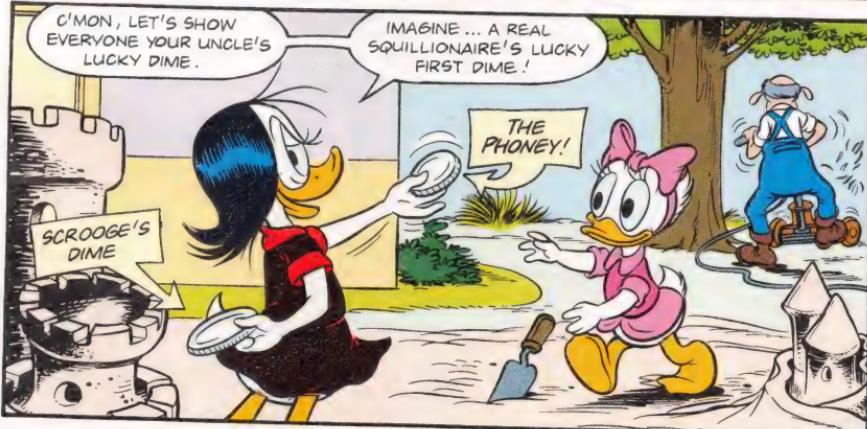
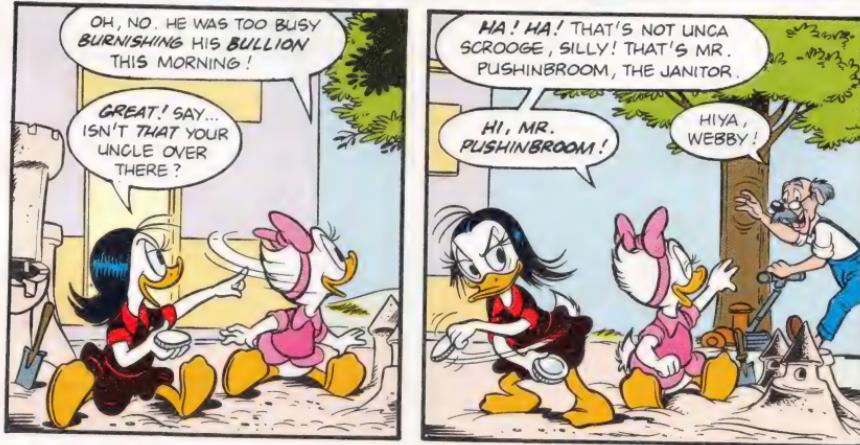
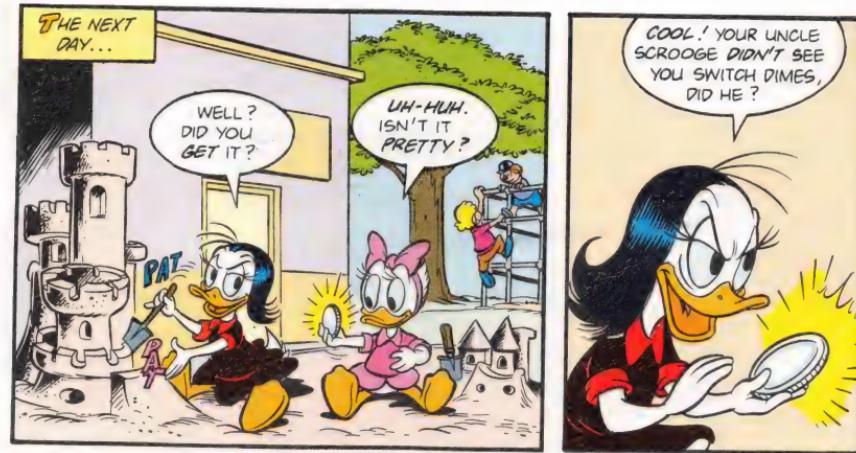


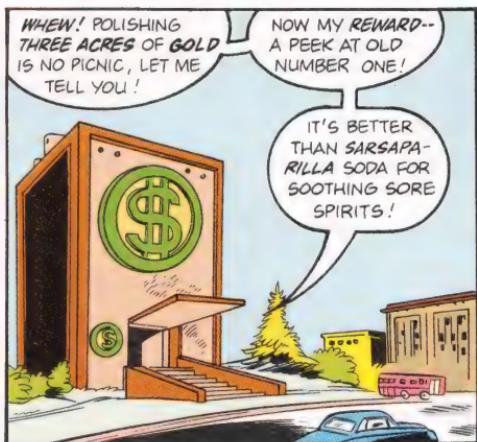




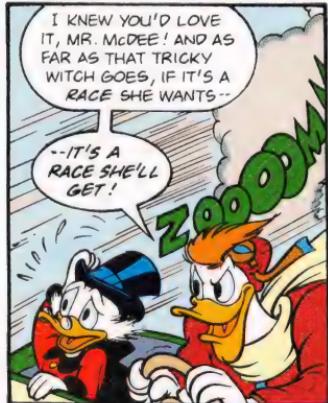
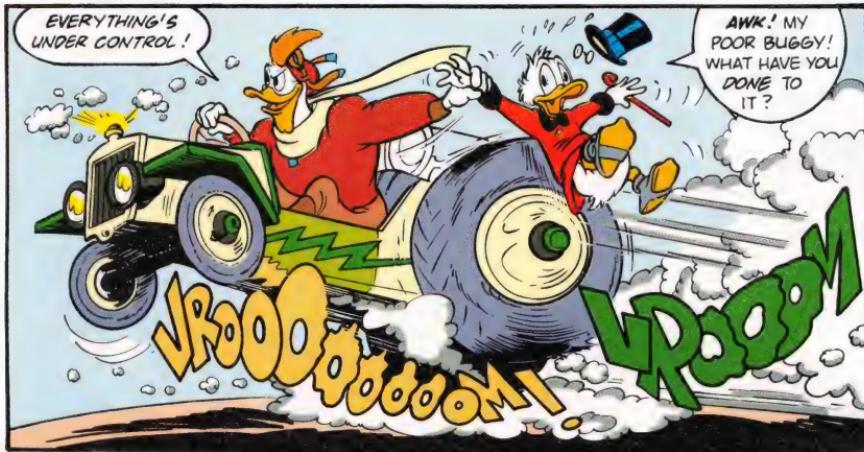
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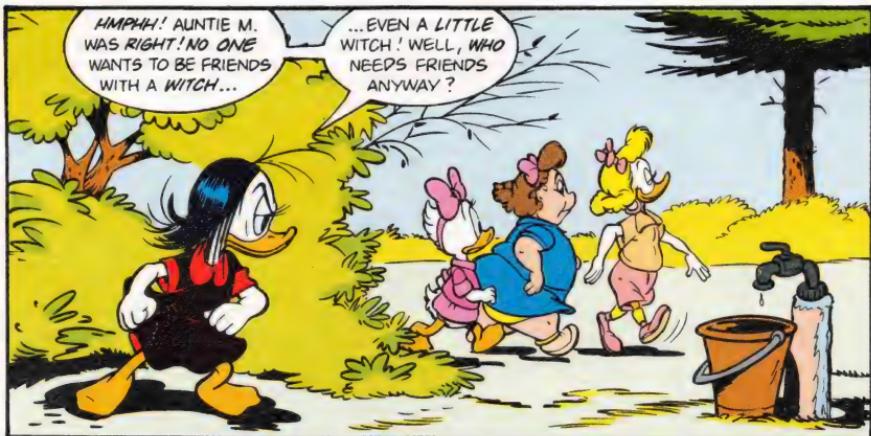












ADVENTURES WITH THE DOGON

How I became a hero to an African tribe

There are times in my life when I have felt as if an invisible hand reached out and changed the course of my destiny. Such was the case when I decided to drive along the river Niger from Timbuktu to Bamako (the two biggest cities in the African country of Mali). Everyone told me not to go because the rainy season was about to start. But I said,



In this real-life adventure, our explorer, Douchan Gersi, takes you on his journey to meet the Dogon tribe.

"Look, I have three weeks before the flood begins. I'll make it without a problem."

I was wrong. The rains came early, and before long I was in serious trouble. You see, for two months out of the year, when the river Niger floods, something amazing happens: 1,000 square miles of the Sahel, which is usually lifeless sand, becomes a swamp filled with plant and animal life. (The Sahel is a large, dry region south of the Sahara desert.)

I watched with horror as the road in front of me turned to a swamp. At first I could make slow progress by using a pulley and a rope attached to the front of my Land Rover and pulling the



The "stilt dancer" is called a "time walker," who is said to travel from the past to the future.

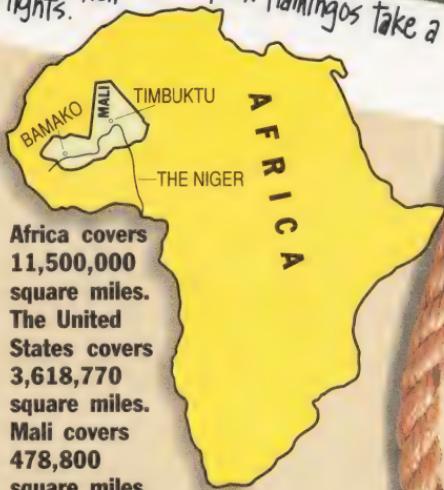


car from tree to tree. But soon trees became rare—and eventually there were no trees at all! I was stuck, alone in the Sahel surrounded only by monkeys, wild horses and other fantastic animals.

I had heard that there was a tribe of people called the Dogon (*Doh-gohn*) in the mountains about a week's walk away. It was said that the Dogon were very hostile to strangers: They could turn me away or even kill me. But I decided to take the chance. I secured my car, packed up everything I could carry, and went to see if I could find the Dogon.

The first Dogon village I encountered was surrounded by waterfalls. When I arrived I was taken to the sorcerer's house, a hut covered with monkey skulls. "What are you doing here?" the sorcerer asked, scowling. I explained about my car, but the sorcerer still scowled. "Our rules of hospitality say we must let you stay for two days, but then you must leave!"

During the rainy season, pink flamingos take a break from their long flights.



That first night, I was put in a dark hut and given little food. The second night was no better. Then, in the middle of the night, I was awakened by a strange whirring sound. Curious, I got up and went out of the hut. The

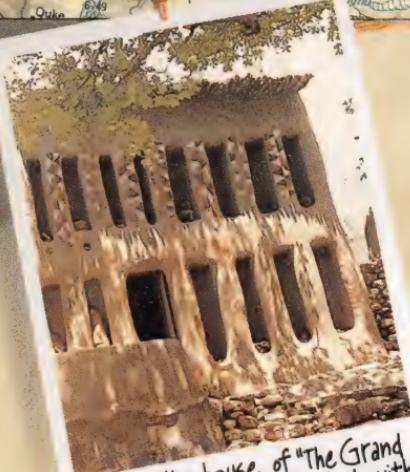
village was empty except for three mysterious figures covered from head to foot, each in a frightening demon's mask. One of them twirled a long ropelike instrument that made the eerie noise. Then, all at once, the demon-men disappeared, melting silently into the savannah.

I was trying to figure out what I had seen when four men from the Dogons jumped on me from behind, threw me to the ground, and began to beat me. Only when I screamed loudly and the entire village came out of their huts did the men stop.

I learned that the demon-men were believed to be evil spirits.

The Dogon told me that anyone caught outside once the whirling noise begins is never

seen again. The village men had jumped on me because they thought I was one of the demon-men who had stayed behind. When they learned that I had seen the demon-men and survived, the Dogon decided I must have magical powers. Suddenly,



This is the house of "The Grand Ogon," which is decorated with magical designs.

I was a hero and was taken to meet the King of the Dogon who is called "The Grand Ogon."

The Grand Ogon was a wise-looking old man in his late 70s. He told me that in a week's time the most important ceremony of the Dogon—a ceremony that takes place only once every 62

years—was to begin and that I should come as his guest.

I could hardly believe it. Fate

had brought me to the Dogon just in time to see a once-in-a-lifetime ceremony called "Sigui"! The ceremony lasted for days and was filled with incredible sights (like dancers in enormously tall masks, dancing on four-foot high stilts as gracefully as if they had

The Dogon believe that they originally came from the stars.

been ballerinas). However, the story behind the ceremony is even more incredible.

The ceremony celebrates the time the god "Nomo" descended from a star to give the Dogon their knowledge and power. The Dogon (like many other tribes in Africa) believe that they originally came from the stars. Their ancient home, they say, is a little star that circles around the brightest star in the African sky, Sirius, the Dog Star. The star they describe is the one astronomers call Sirius B. Sirius B was discovered by Western astronomers in 1844, but the Dogon have rock carvings of it that date back to 2000 B.C.!

I asked the Grand Ogon how it was possible that a "primitive" tribe could know for 4,000 years about a star that "civilized" man discovered less than 150 years ago? He smiled. "As I told you, the gods came from the stars to give us our knowledge."

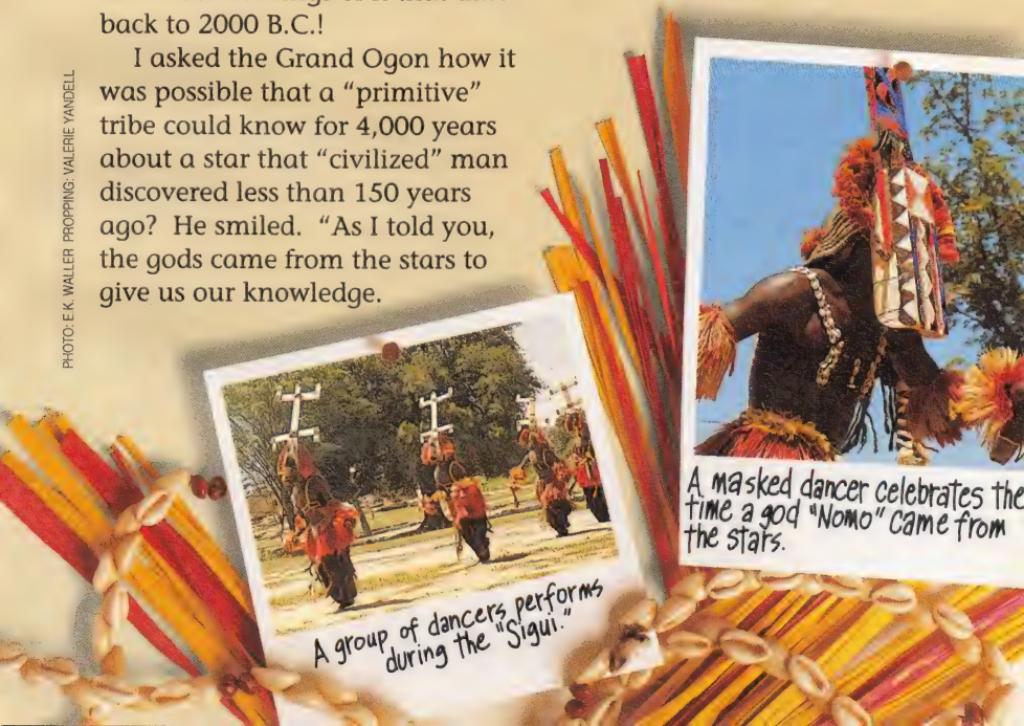
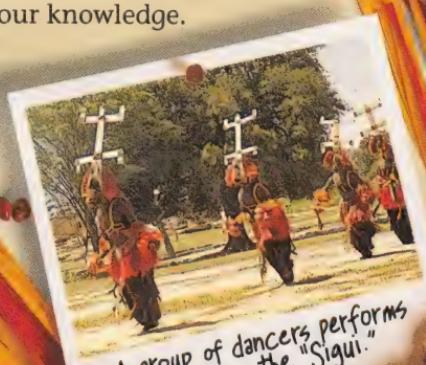
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magical powers.**

Why is that so hard for you to understand?"

Eventually, the rainy season ended and it was time for me to leave. My Dogon friends escorted me back to the river Niger. Miraculously, my car was still there. Of course, I had to clean my engine and do a few repairs. I waved goodbye to my Dogon friends who stood watching until my car was out of sight.

—As told to Celeste Fremon

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BACKYARD

HIDDEN CODES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

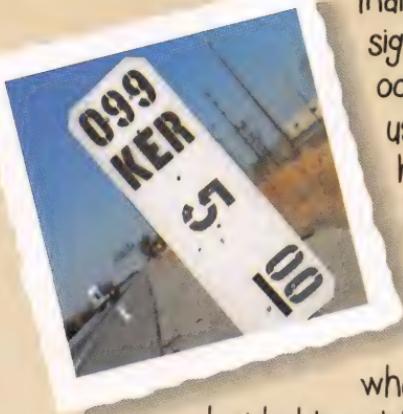
Last week, on a trip to my uncle's house, I saw a big highway sign that said Odometer Check Point Ahead. Then signs began to appear that read Mile 1, Mile 2, Mile 3 – all the way up to Mile 10. My dad says that the odometer of our car measures how

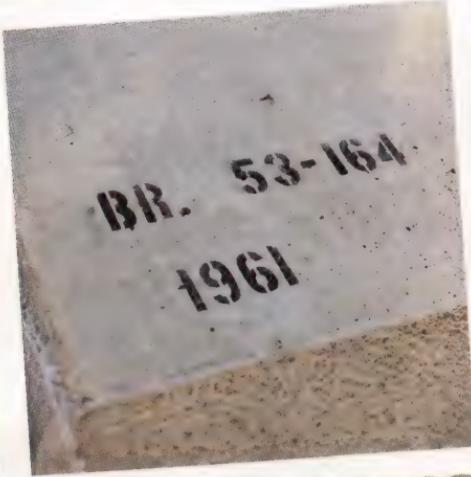
many miles we have traveled. The signs help him find out whether our odometer is working correctly. He uses the odometer to figure out how much gas our car is using. If it uses too much gas, he takes it to a mechanic for a tune-up.

After our trip I started noticing numbers just about everywhere. On my way to school, I

decided to watch for numbers. It seems that just about everything has a number.

The power poles that carry electrical and telephone lines have metal strips with numbers on them. I found one that was numbered 44513M. At first I wondered if there were that many power poles in the city. Then I found out that this number is listed in a computer. It tells the electric and phone companies where the pole is located, when it was installed and what kind of equipment is on that pole.





Even bridges have numbers on them. The bridge near my house has the number 53-164. Next Saturday I want to ride my bike down the road to see what the number on the next bridge is. I couldn't think of a reason for a bridge to have both a name

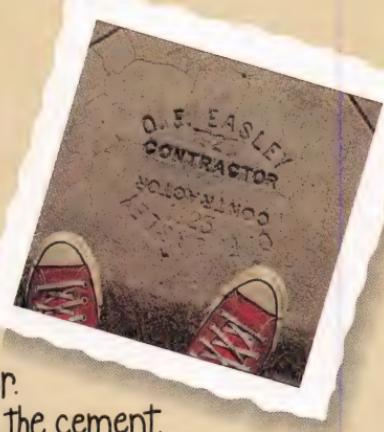
and a number; but this week at school a police officer who taught our class about safety told me the reason.

She said that the number on the bridge can be used to direct an ambulance to the scene of an accident on that bridge. And that small highway signs with numbers on them are used the same way.

For instance, a police officer who reports an accident calls in the location to the ambulance driver by using the road sign number.

My sidewalk has a sign printed in the cement. It says, "O.F. Easley, Contractor, 1925." That's the name of the company that made the sidewalk and the year it was made. My sidewalk is a lot older than I am.

I think it would be fun to make a list of all the buildings I see that have dates on them. Maybe I'll be able to find the oldest building in my city. X



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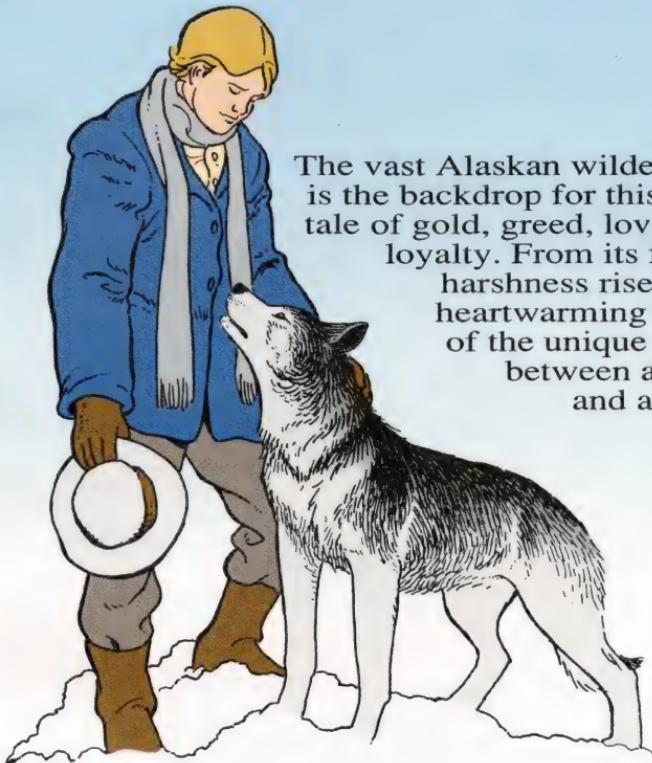
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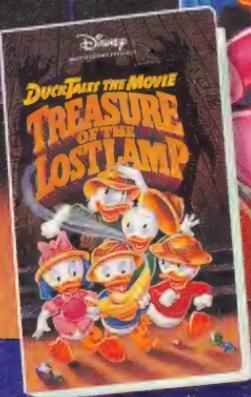


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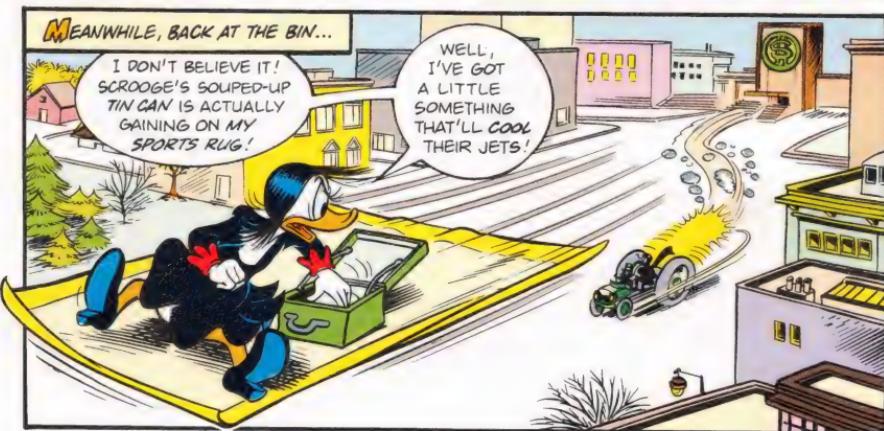
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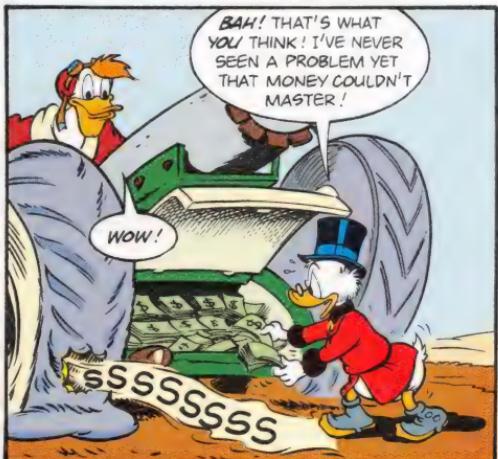
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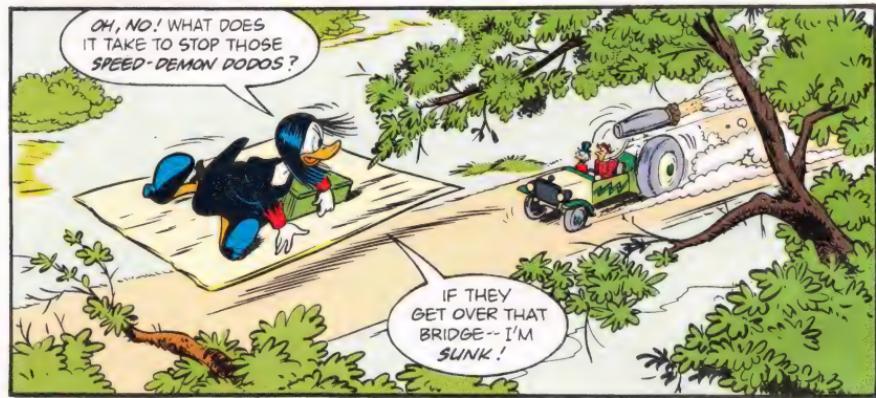
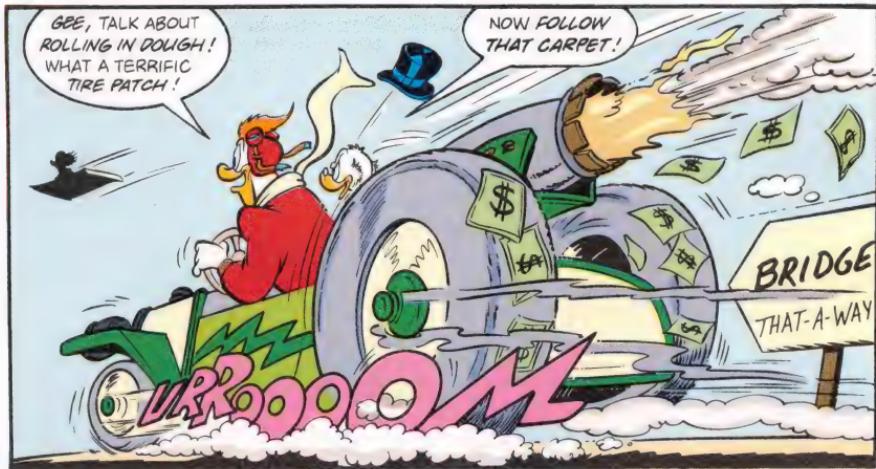
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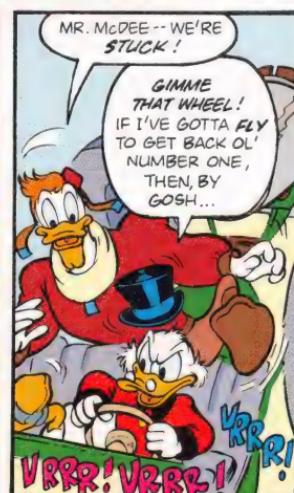
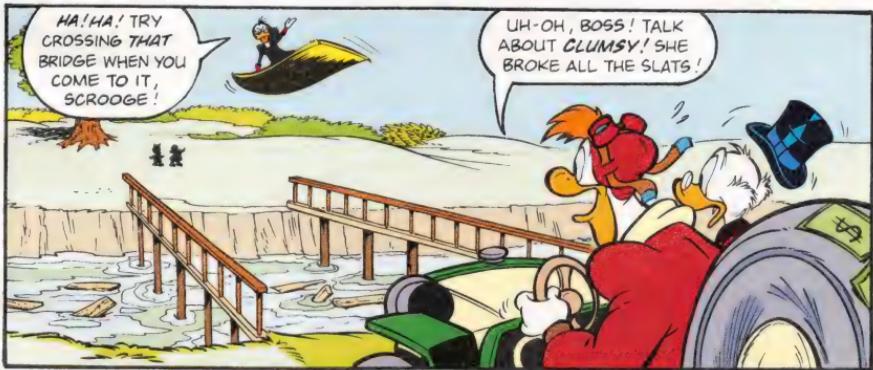
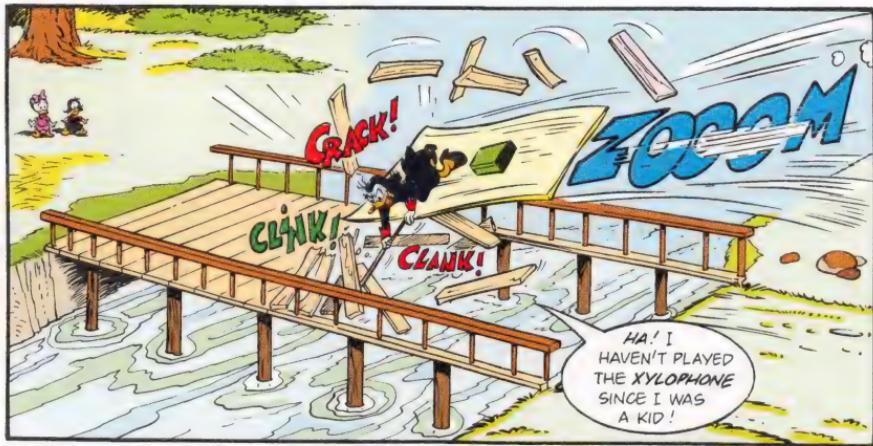
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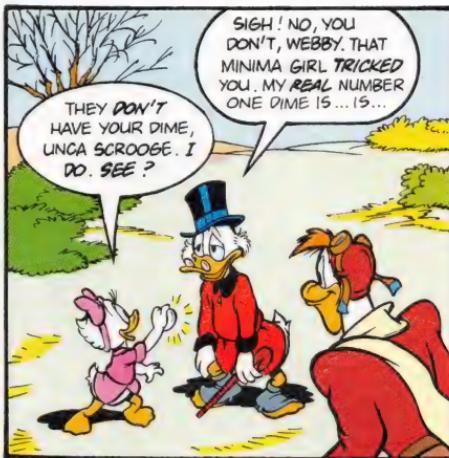


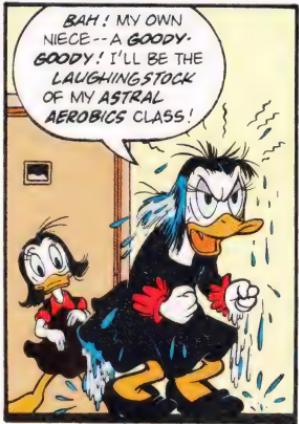
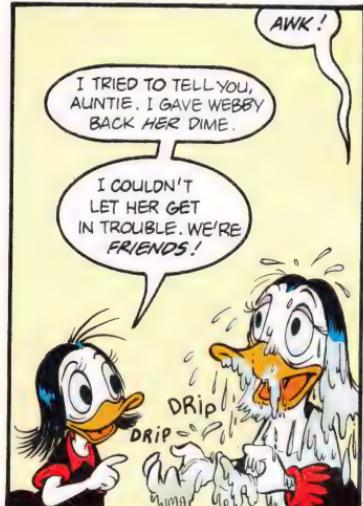












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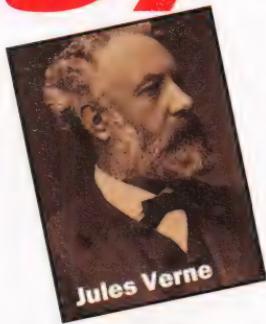
OUTER SPACE



As the mammoth rockets roar and the launch pad at Cape Canaveral becomes a blazing fireball, a space shuttle orbiter, weighing over 188,000 pounds, lifts off Earth at an acceleration three times that of gravity. In no time at all, its seven sky-riders are deep in outer space. But getting into space wasn't always this easy. In fact, in all of human history, this April 12 marks only 30 years since man's first flight above the blue skies. Join us as we relive perhaps the greatest adventure of all—The Conquest of Space.

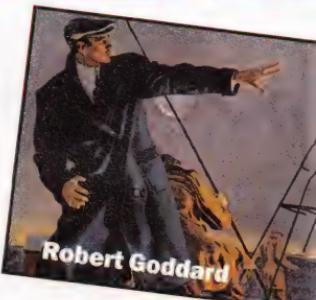
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THE CONQUEST OF SPACE



Jules Verne

Outer space is everywhere we are not. Earth, our home planet, is just a tiny speck in an endless sea of space, dotted with billions of stars, moons, planets, and the occasional asteroid.



Robert Goddard

Although most of the world has already been explored, most of the universe has not. The conquest of space is still a pioneer's journey.

For centuries man has been dreaming of leaving the earth, but it was French science-fiction writer Jules Verne who came closest to imagining space travel as we now know it. In 1865, his book *From the Earth to the Moon* described a rocketship being shot out of a cannon.

While writers were imagining space travel, scientists were working on it. The first rockets were built by Chinese firework artists 700 years ago. In 1928, an American scientist, Robert Goddard, designed a rocket that was fueled by gasoline and liquid oxygen. His first rocket flew 184 feet above his aunt's farm in Massachusetts, reaching a speed of 60 miles per hour. This was the model for the huge boosters that sent astronauts to the moon.

SPACE AGE BEGINS

1957

Soviets launch *Sputnik 1*, the first unmanned satellite, and *Sputnik 2*, carrying Laika the space-dog.

U.S. MERCURY SPACE PROGRAM

1958-59

First U.S. satellite, *Explorer 1*, discovers Van Allen radiation belt. NASA founded. Soviet probe crashes on moon.

1960-61

U.S. pioneers weather/communication satellites. American Alan Shepard, at right, and Soviet Yuri Gagarin are the first men in space.



just 41 years later. But Goddard's rockets were incapable of carrying people.

By 1947, jet airplanes were setting speed and altitude records in the race to get into space. The next goal was the speed of sound, known as "Mach 1," which at high altitudes is approximately 660 miles per hour. That speed was first achieved by a brave Air Force pilot named Chuck Yeager.

The night before his famous flight, Yeager fell from a horse and broke two ribs. He was in terrible pain, but he wanted to fly, so he didn't tell anybody about his injury. Problem was, he couldn't reach over to close the door on the X-1 cockpit. He solved that by carrying a sawed-

Chuck Yeager and the X-1



1962-63

John Glenn first American to orbit Earth. Soviet Valentina Tereshkova, at right, first woman in space.



Inside Sputnik



Laika



Yuri Gagarin

THE SOVIETS

off broomstick to slam the door shut. With this strange gear, Chuck Yeager helped usher in the Space Age.

The Space Age officially began on October 4, 1957, when Soviet scientists launched *Sputnik 1*, a satellite that soared into space and started orbiting Earth. (A satellite is anything that circles, or orbits, the earth.) This shifted the space race from jet airplanes back to rockets. Later that year, the Soviets

launched the world's first astronaut—make that astropup—a female dog named Laika.

Laika's successful flight proved that space travel would be possible for humans. Both the United States and the Soviet Union were working to develop a manned space capsule. In 1961 the Soviets put cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin in orbit, sent him once around Earth, and brought him



U.S. GEMINI SPACE PROGRAM

1964-65

Mariner 4 probe launched to Mars. From *Gemini 4*, Edward White is the first American to walk in space.

Gemini 7 completes world's longest manned space flight—330 hours, 35 minutes, 17 seconds.

back safely. He was the first human being in space.

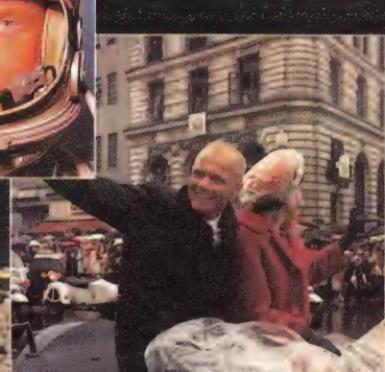
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the United States sent two former test-pilots on quick up-and-down flights (called suborbital flights)—first Alan Shepard, then Virgil "Gus" Grissom. In 1962, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the globe. It was a short trip, lasting less than five hours, but one that was filled with tense moments.

During the flight, the ground-crew feared that Glenn's *Friendship 7* craft was

losing part of its heat shield. Without a shield, the heat from the friction of re-entering Earth's atmosphere would burn up the capsule. For several minutes, Glenn lost contact with Mission Control at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The world waited.

"That's a real fireball outside!" finally came the faint and crackling radio signal. Glenn survived and the *Friendship 7* splashed down safely in the Atlantic Ocean.

It was an exciting beginning for the space program.



Glenn was a hero. Millions showered him with ticker-tape as he rode in a New York City parade.

U.S. APOLLO SPACE PROGRAM

1966-68

Soviet *Luna 9* and U.S. *Surveyor 1* send first pictures from moon. *Apollo 8* is the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon.

1969-70

U.S. *Apollo 11* and *12* bring first men to the moon and return them with sample moon rocks. *Apollo 13* mission aborted.

1971

Unmanned Soviet probe lands on Mars. *Apollo 14* and *15* continue to bring Americans to moon and back.

1972

Shuttle program approved by President Nixon. *Apollo 16* and *17* are the most recent manned missions to moon.



Top: Neil Armstrong salutes flag on the moon.

Left: Apollo 11 blast-off.

Bottom left:
Neil Armstrong.
Bottom right:
Footprint of moon walk.



U.S. SKYLAB PROGRAM

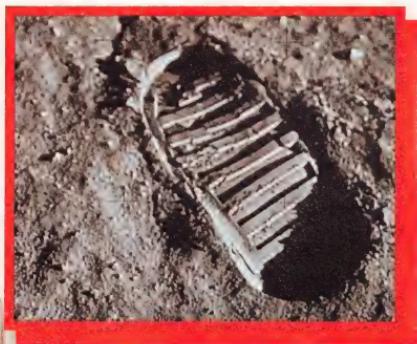
1973-75
U.S. astronauts perform experiments on *Skylab* space station, at right, in four separate missions. *Viking 1* and *2* launched to Mars.



U.S. SHUTTLE PROGRAM

1976-77
U.S. probe *Pioneer 10* leaves solar system. *Voyager 1* and *2* probes launched. Soviets set record of 96 days in space.

On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced that the United States would put one of its citizens on the moon before the end of the decade. On July 16, 1969, *Apollo 11* blasted off from Cape Canaveral in Florida, reaching the moon three days later. The next day, two of the three Apollo astronauts, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, climbed into a cramped flying machine called the Lunar Excursion Module, or LEM, for a short trip to the moon's surface. Neil Armstrong was the first to climb out. Millions of people watched the fuzzy black-and-white telecast. "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for



1978-79
Voyager 1 and *2* visit Jupiter, at right; *Pioneer 11* reaches Saturn. Mammals breeding in space by now on Soviet space stations.



U.S. SHUTTLE PROGRAM

1980-81

The space shuttle *Columbia* makes its first orbital flight. *Voyager 1* and *2* pass *Saturn*. Soviets launch robot lab to *Venus*.

1982

Soviet probe lands on *Venus* and returns with soil samples. *Voyager 2* discovers four to six new moons around *Saturn*, at right.

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Above: Splashdown for Apollo 13. Left: The first reusable spacecraft, the shuttle.

mankind," said Neil Armstrong as he became the first human to set foot on the moon. After centuries of dreaming, science fiction became fact.

American astronauts made six trips to the moon. On the last three trips, they brought a "moon buggy" called the Lunar Roving Vehicle. But on Apollo 14, Alan Shepard did a different kind of driving. In his gear he had hidden a golf club and a ball. On the moon's surface, he teed it up and gave it a whack. Thanks to the moon's low gravity, the ball traveled "miles and miles and miles," and Shepard made golf history!

Since 1981, men and women



1983-84

Sally Ride first U.S. woman in space. U.S. space station program approved. Soviets spend 150 days in space.

Space station Freedom will be assembled part by part in space and powered by large solar panels. The canister-shaped pods are living quarters, laboratories, and factories, and they have add-on points, so Freedom can continue to grow.



have flown into space on board the current U.S. spaceship, the Space Transportation System (STS), better known as the space shuttle. Unlike the Mercury and Apollo capsules, the shuttle is launched on the back of a rocket and glides back to Earth like a plane—and it can be re-used. Shuttle astronauts, like all explorers, run great risks when they venture into space. In 1986, the shuttle *Challenger* exploded right after launch, killing seven people. These brave men and women gave their lives so that we could learn more about the universe around us.

And what does the future hold for the exploration of space? In less than 10 years from now, astronauts will begin to assemble

space station *Freedom*, where astronauts and scientists will spend long periods of time. Space station *Freedom* will be a pit stop for ships traveling to distant planets, perhaps even the planet nearest to us, Mars.

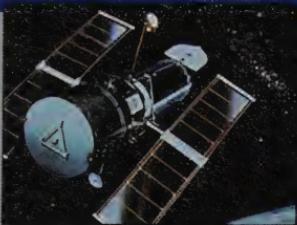
And what about those distant planets? NASA has launched many unmanned probes to examine them and send back photographs. In October 1990, the probe *Ulysses* was launched to explore Jupiter and the sun—a 1.86-billion-mile journey!

Right now, it's impossible to send humans to far-off planets, because the distances are so great and our spacecraft are so slow. But the conquest of space is not over. In fact, it is only beginning.

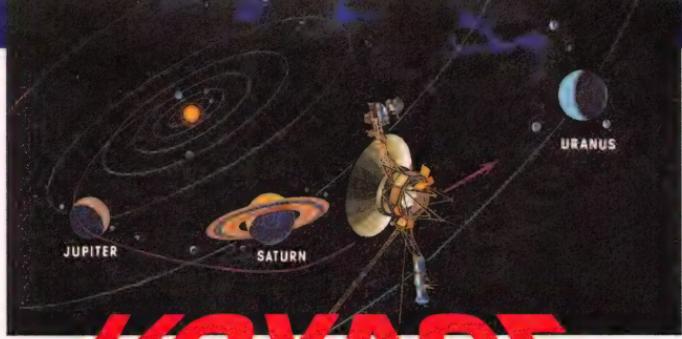
—Bob Daily

1985-86
Early 1986:
Challenger disaster; shuttle flights halted. By end of 1986, 1,655 satellites and spacecraft in Earth orbit.

1987-88
Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. experiments on Soviet space station. Soviets spend 366 days in space. Shuttle flights resume late 1988.



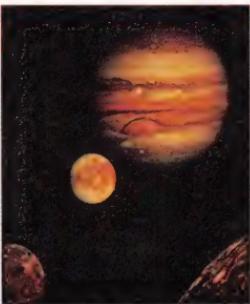
1989-91
Exiting solar system, *Voyager 2* passes Neptune. Shuttle launches Venus probe *Magellan* and Hubble Space Telescope, at left.



VOYAGE TO THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE



Jupiter's Great Red Spot is a swirling mass of gas about three times the size of Earth.



Three of Jupiter's 16 moons: Europa (center), Ganymede (bottom left), and Callisto (bottom right).



Saturn's rings begin at the planet's cloud tops and extend 200,000 miles into space.

In the three minutes you spend reading this and looking at the photos, the *Voyager 1* spacecraft will have traveled about 2,000 miles—that's like traveling from the Arctic Circle to south Florida.

Voyager 1 has been sending back pictures and scientific data since it was launched in September 1977. So far, it has studied Jupiter and Saturn and their moons. It is now sending back data from the edge of our solar system.

On March 15, the *Voyager* was 4,116,936,581 miles from our sun—more than a billion miles past Pluto, the planet farthest from the sun.

No one knows how far *Voyager* will travel, but it will stop sending back information in 2016—when its battery runs out.

—Stef Donev

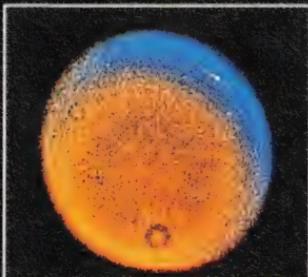
VOYAGER 1 AND 2 HAVE BEEN SENDING PICTURES LIKE THESE TO EARTH SINCE 1977.



8:56 a.m., September 5, 1977: *Voyager 1* launches from Kennedy Space Center, Florida.



Titania is one of the five large moons of Uranus.



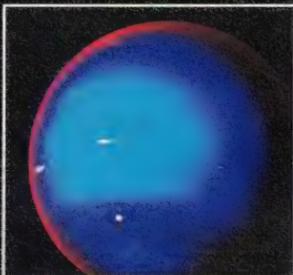
The upper atmosphere cloud of Uranus glows with hydrogen, helium and methane.



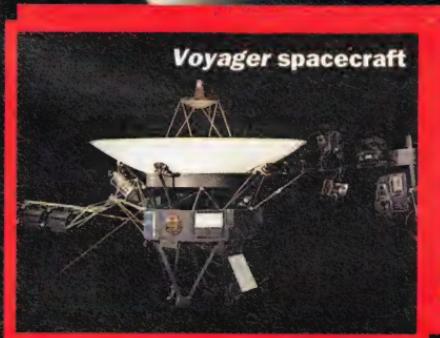
The thousands of rings around Saturn are made of icy objects that can be as small as pebbles or as large as houses.



Of Saturn's at least 21 moons, Enceladus is the only one with a smooth surface.



Neptune's upper atmosphere is warmer than Uranus': 261 degrees below zero, compared to 360 below zero.



BIG PICTURE:
The *Voyager*'s view of Neptune.

SPACE STUFF

TV SHOWS:

- "Star Trek"
- "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
- "Lost in Space"
- "My Favorite Martian"

MOVIES:

- 2001: A Space Odyssey
- Space Camp
- E.T.
- The Right Stuff
- Star Wars
- The Empire Strikes Back
- Return of the Jedi

In the future, perhaps everyone will be able to enjoy the adventures of space travel. In the meantime, you'll have to be content with these movies, television programs, and books about space and extraterrestrials.



LOST IN SPACE



Isaac Asimov
Illustrated by David Wiesner



BOOKS:

Space Exploration,

by Brian Jones

UFOs, ETs & Visitors From Space,

by Melvin Berger

To Space and Back,

by Sally Ride

How Did We Find Out About

Outer Space?,

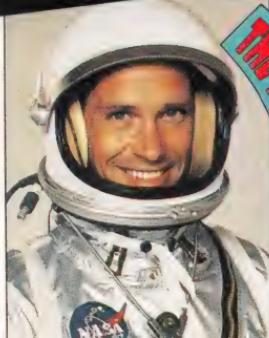
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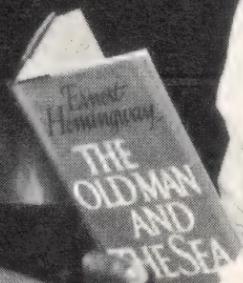
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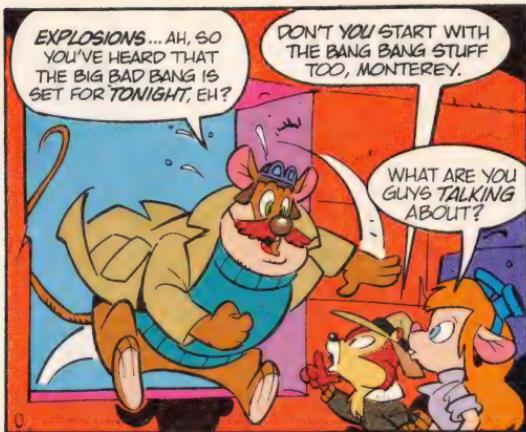


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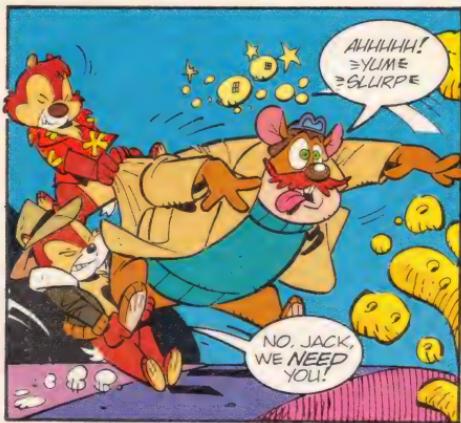




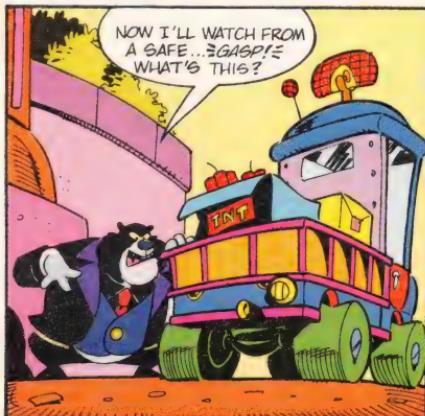
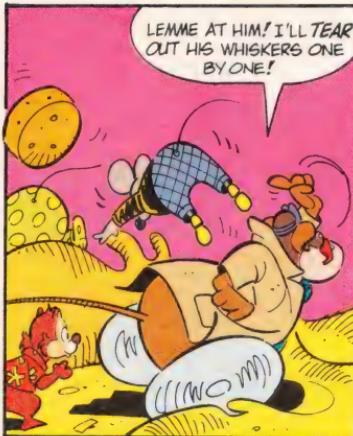


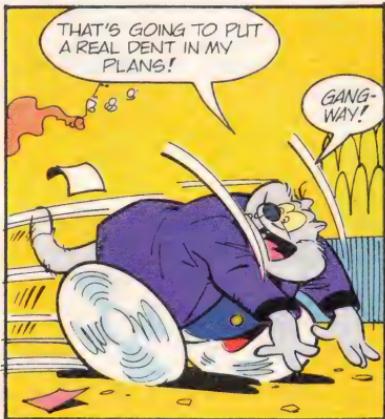
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Nature Performs Tricks With **MIRAGES**

Imagine looking up into the sky and seeing the image of a city...and this image is so clear you can even see people walking in the streets!

Impossible? Not really. When conditions are right, this is exactly what you'd see in the air above the Straits of Messina (a waterway at the toe of boot-shaped Italy). And this ghostly image of a city is actually a trick of light called *a mirage*.



FEATURE

Mirages appear when light "bends" as it travels through air. It's like this: the earth's atmosphere is made up of layers of air, and each layer is a different temperature. Light rays bend as they pass from one air layer to another. (Light bends in the same way when it passes from air into water. To check this out yourself, put a spoon in a glass of water, then look at it from one side.)

How about when you're riding in a car and you see a rippling pool of water in the road ahead? As you get closer—hey, it's gone! That's also a mirage. On a hot desert day, the air layer nearest the sun-baked ground is usually warmer than the air layer above. This causes light rays to bend up

toward the cooler layer. The light is then directed toward your eyes from below. While you think you're seeing a pool of blue water, it is really a wavy mirror



image of the blue sky above. Pretty tricky.

Sometimes these great tricks of light happen with objects. Like this example: Some of the light reflected from a tree in the desert travels directly to your eye. But some of the light travels from the tree toward the hot sand, then bends back toward the cooler layer of air above. Still with me? OK, your eye receives both the direct rays of light and those that bounce up from the ground. You

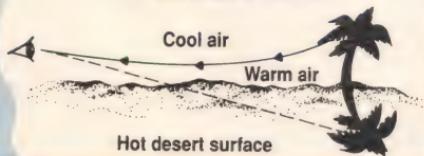
Can you tell what's real and what's not in this picture?
water and trees are mirages.)
Answer: The zebra is real. The

see the actual tree and an upside-down image of the tree below the real one. (If you lost me in this description, check out our illustrated example.)

Mirages also appear at sea. It sounds spooky, but a distant boat may suddenly have a phantom twin sailing overhead. In the Arctic, travelers tell tales of ghostly icebergs drifting above the sea.

Even things below the horizon that we can't see can appear to hang low in the sky (like that Italian village). This optical effect is called "looming" and can cause confusion. In

WARM AIR MIRAGE



1906, Arctic explorer Admiral Robert Peary noted a mysterious "island" on his maps. Known as Crockerland, the island turned out to have been a mirage, and the maps had to be redrawn.

All you need is a simple breeze to mix up the air layers and the mirage is gone. Nature is truly magical: now you see it, now you don't....

—Q. L. Pearce

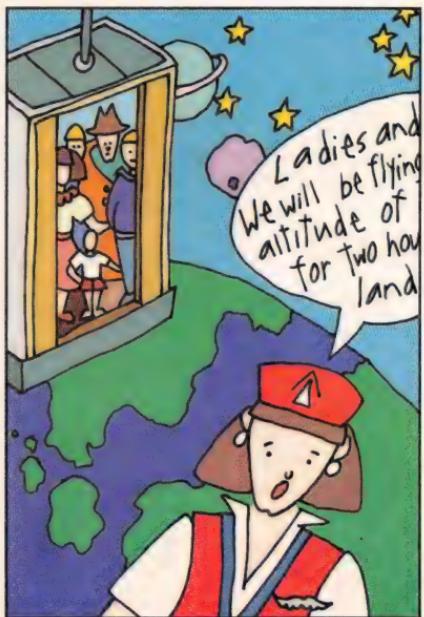


As people drive down a road, they often think they see water on the pavement ahead—only to watch it disappear as they get closer. The "water on the road" mirage is perhaps the most common illusion of light and air.

The Elevator Never Sleeps

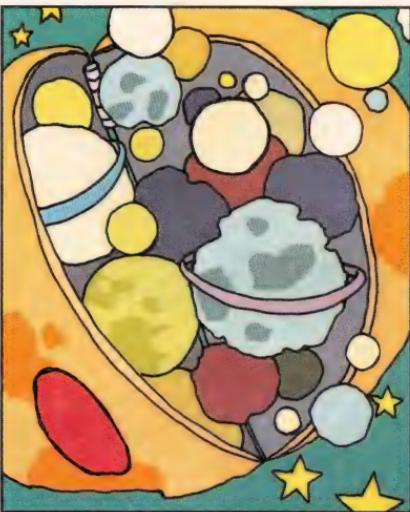
Did you ever notice how elevators keep going up and down *all* the time? Well, the average elevator travels about 10,000 miles a year. That's like trekking across the United States three times or climbing one-third of Mount Everest.

But what about the elevators in really tall buildings like Chicago's Sears Tower or New York's World Trade Center? Some of those elevators travel as much as 35,000 miles a year. That's like going around the earth about one and a half times.



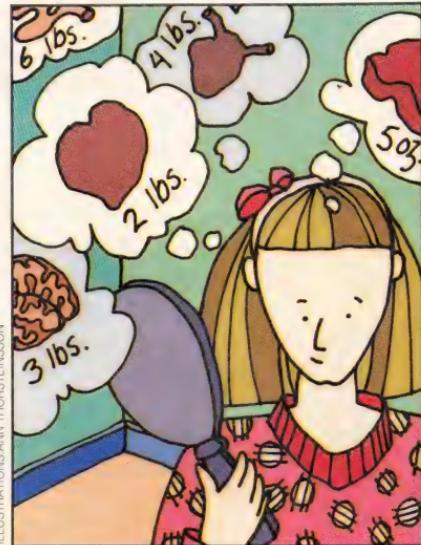
Jumbo Jupiter

Jupiter is one big planet. You could fit all the other planets, satellites and asteroids in our solar system inside Jupiter *two-and-a-half times!* Jupiter also spins faster than any other planet in our solar system—even though there's a lot more to spin. And because Jupiter spins so fast, a day there lasts only nine hours and 55 minutes. (A day on Earth lasts 24 hours.) It also takes Jupiter 12 years to orbit the sun. (It takes Earth 365 days.) And if you think all that is pretty cool, check this out: There's a Great Red Spot on Jupiter's surface. Some scientists think that this spot may actually be a hurricane that has been whirling for at least 700 years.



Skin Deep— And Heavy

When you imagine all the different organs in your body, which do you think is the heaviest? If you guessed it was your heart or your stomach or even your brain, you'd be wrong. To find the answer, look in the mirror. It's your skin! And if you want to know just how heavy your skin is, divide your body weight by 16. For example, if you weigh 80 pounds, your skin weighs about five pounds. And if you put together all the skin Americans grow in one day, it would cover six square miles. That's almost 50 times as big as Disneyland.



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Animal Weather Watch

The next time you hear it's going to rain, you might want to keep an eye on your pet. Is your dog barking a lot? Is your cat hiding in the closet? Are your fish swimming in circles? Scientists have been able to predict changes in the weather by watching animals. Elks have been seen gathering beneath trees two or three days before a blizzard, and fiddler crabs have been spotted burrowing inland a few days before a hurricane. ☰



Model Drills and Talking Watches

The Dremel 750 Mini-Mite

is the latest version of an old standby: the Moto-Tool, a hand-held machine for carving wood and plastic models, which first appeared in 1932. The new Mini-Mite is cordless; comes with rechargeable batteries, charger and five different accessories; and weighs less than five ounces. It costs about \$30, and is available in hardware and hobby stores.

Dick Tracy fans should check out the **Chatterbox**, a digital wristwatch you can talk into. In addition to a five-function clock (with stopwatch and calendar), the



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Chatterbox lets you record messages and reminders up to 15 seconds long. It can also change your voice by changing the speed of the playback. Also in the works: electronic modules that add sound effects and FM radio. The Chatterbox costs about \$50, and you can buy it in electronics and toy stores. ☺

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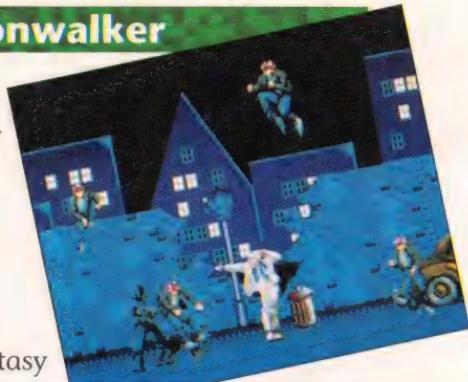
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PRETTY COOL	
NOT BAD	
LAME	
BUMMER	

Michael Jackson's Moonwalker

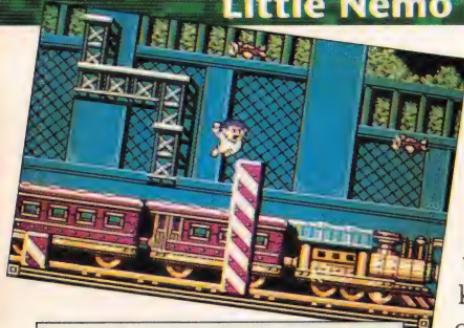
In Moonwalker, the player helps Michael rescue the children of Earth with the video game version of the "Bad," "Smooth Criminal," "Billie Jean" and "Another Part of Me" music videos. The game has five different stages that combine the realism of Michael Jackson's dance moves and personality with the fantasy and adventure of his music videos.

Tip: Try to catch shooting stars that may appear throughout the game, and always check behind closed doors and windows for missing children. Format: Sega Genesis System. One or two players.



GRAPHICS		CONTROL	
CHALLENGE		FUN	
MUSIC			

Little Nemo the Dream Master



GRAPHICS		CONTROL	
CHALLENGE		FUN	
MUSIC			

Follow the adventures of Little Nemo as he visits the castle of the lonely princess in Slumberland and discovers that the king has been kidnapped. You and Little Nemo will explore eight lands within Dreamworld, meet new friends and save the king. *Tip:* In this game, the hermit crab, gorilla, hornet, frog, lizard and mole are Nemo's friends. These creatures will help Nemo in exchange for candy. Format: Nintendo Entertainment System. One player.

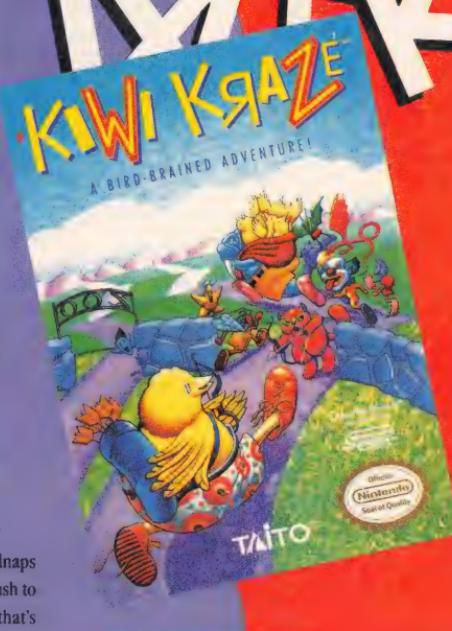
—Jason Rich

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"Congratulations,
YOU HAVE JUST WON..."

DANG, BUT
I ALMOST HAD
IT, KIT! JUST ONE
NUMBER OFF! GUESS
I'M GETTING CLOSE
TO WINNIN' THE
BIG PRIZE
ANY DAY NOW.

YOU'RE
COMING CLOSE
TO BUYING THE
BIG PRIZE, YOU
MEAN. YOU DON'T
WIN ON GAMES
LIKE THAT,
BALOO.

YEAH, WELL
SOMEBODY
DOES!

AND THAT SOMEBODY
JUST HAPPENS TO BE...

Lettering: Lois Buhalis

Artist: Alberto Lavoradori

Writer: Cherie Wilkerson



NOPE! I WON THE TRIP! I JUST HAVE TO LISTEN TO A LITTLE SALES TALK FOR SOME TIME-SHARE CONDOS BEFORE I CAN TAKE IT.

HEY-I CAN DO THAT! IN FACT, I'LL LISTEN SO GOOD THEY'LL GIVE ME TWO TRIPS!

AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL?

SURE, IF YA LIKE LIVING IN A FANCY SARDINE CAN.



HOW NICE OF YOU TO COME. I SEE YOU'RE ALL READY FOR YOUR FREE TRIP!

WHAT A CHEESY OUT-FIT. THESE AREN'T EVEN REAL FLOWERS!

AND FOR THE RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICE OF 20 THOUSAND, YOU CAN OWN THIS APARTMENT FOR TWO WEEKS A YEAR!



BALOO! SHUT UP! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!

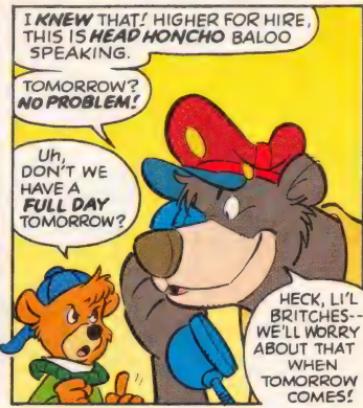
YOU LISTEN FOR BOTH OF US, REBECCA. I'M GONNA TAKE A LITTLE SNOOZE.

THIS JUNK PUTS ME INTO DEEP HIBERNATION!

AND THAT ENDS MY TALK. IS THERE ANYONE WHO DID NOT WIN A TRIP WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO?

BALOO! WAKE UP!





REBECCA ISN'T QUITE HAVING FUN YET...

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE SAME HOTEL THAT WAS IN THE PICTURES, MOM?

YES, DEAR, IT'S JUST, UMM, **OLDER!** AND **SMALLER** AND **TACKIER...**

...AND LOTS **DIRTIER!**

EXCUSE ME SIR, BUT WHERE'S THE BEACH?

IT'S **TEN MILES** THAT WAY!



DON'T CRY, MOLLY! THE HOTEL MANAGER WILL **Straighten** THIS ALL OUT.

I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

WHERE'S THE BEACH? WHERE'S THE FREE TENNIS COURTS? WHERE'S MY LUGGAGE?

YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU HAD A **FREE** TRIP.

THE **BUS** TO THE BEACH IS IN THE SHOP FOR REPAIRS AND THE TENNIS COURT IS IN THE ALLEY.

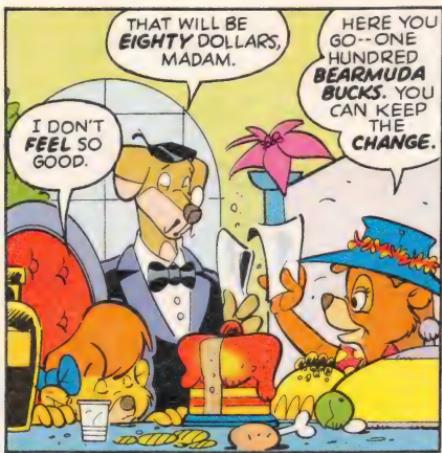


BUT I CAN GIVE YOU ALL AN EXTRA **FIVE HUNDRED BEARMUDA BUCKS!**

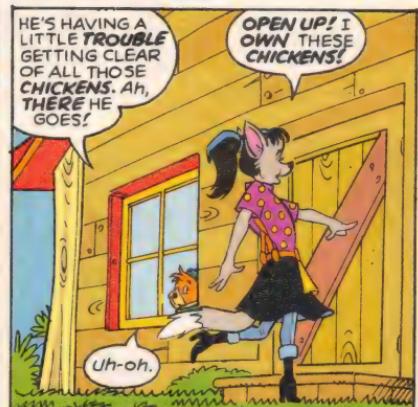
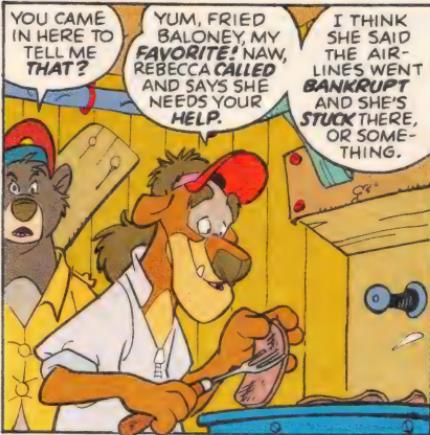
I WANNA GO TO THE BEACH!

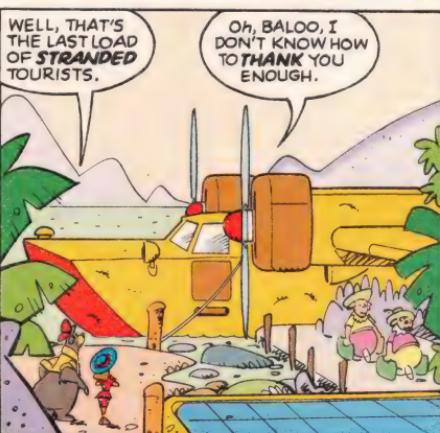
LET'S HAVE A **BIG** LUNCH AND THEN WE'LL GET A **TAXI** WITH ALL THIS **MONEY** WE'VE GOT!





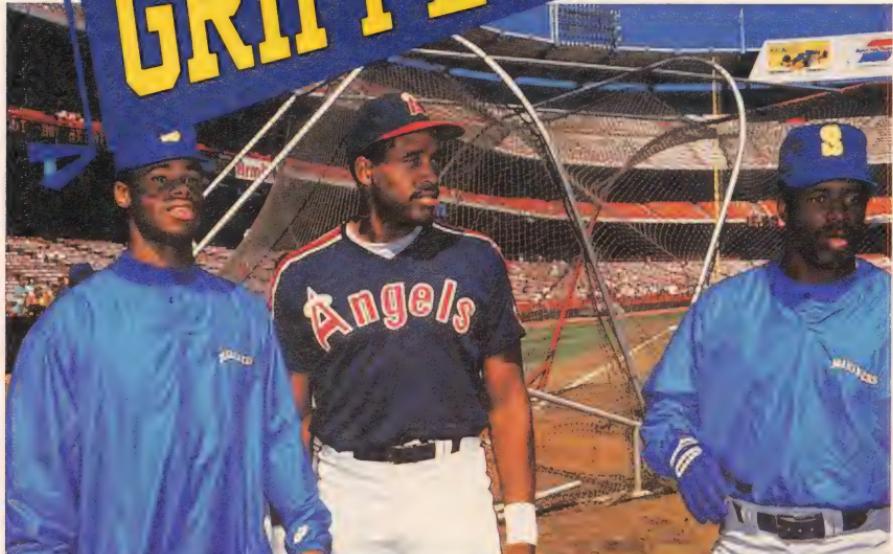






MAJOR LEAGUE

GRIFFEYS



That's Ken Griffey, Jr. and Sr. with Dave Winfield between them.

Father and son score tops in baseball

Lots of kids like to play ball with their dads, but when Ken Griffey, Jr., does it, he does it big time.

It's the top of the first inning of a September 14 game at Anaheim Stadium between the Seattle Mariners and the California Angels. It's not what you'd

call a big game, with both teams out of the 1990 pennant race, but it turns out to be a historic one.

Ken Griffey, Sr., a former key player on Cincinnati's Big Red Machine of the 1970s, is second at bat and he belts a home run. Up next is his son, Ken Griffey, Jr., at 20 the youngest player in the

DATA BOX

Player: Ken Griffey, Jr.
Team: Seattle Mariners
League: American
Season: 1989-90

Home Runs:	22
RBI	80
Stolen Bases	16
Batting Average	.300

Standing in League:

Batting Average	7th
Hits	5th (tie)
Total Bases	4th
Slugging Percentage	9th
Extra Base Hits	7th (tie)

American League. He homers, too.

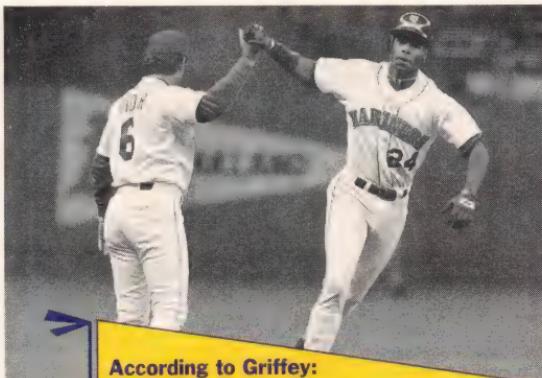
No father and son have ever homered in the *same* game for the *same* team. In fact, Griffey Sr. and Jr. are the first father-son combo ever to play together at all in the big leagues.

"Hey," says Ken Griffey, Jr., "it's a big thrill just to see Dad out there running around.... It's fun just watching him."

The elder Griffey was a pleasant surprise for the Mariners. They picked him up late in the season, never dreaming he'd win Player of the Week

honors for the first time in his 30-year career.

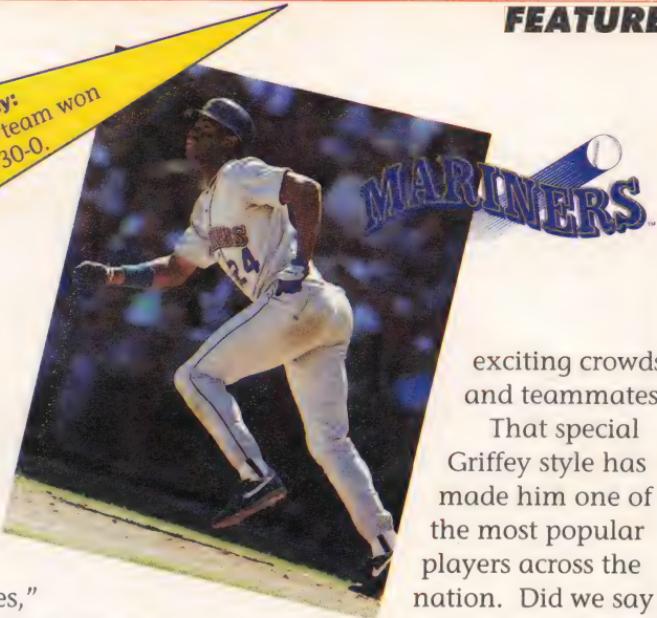
But make no mistake about it: The star of this two-generation phenomenon is Ken Griffey, Jr. He's not just the best Griffey in baseball; this kid they call "The



According to Griffey:

In his first year of Little League, he batted 1.000.

According to Griffey:
His Little League team won
their first game 30-0.



"Natural" could be the biggest star in the whole game.

"He's by far the best pure talent in the Major Leagues," says Al Campanis, the former Dodgers scout and general manager. "He could be one of the all-time greats."

Ken's efforts were rewarded by the fans this year when he was voted to the starting American League All-Star team.

Ken's fine statistics (see our Data Box), however, don't capture what he's all about. He's an awesome athlete, with a feel for the game that he may have picked up hanging out as a preteen around those great Reds teams his father played for. His acrobatic and sometimes unbelievable catches in the outfield have a way of

exciting crowds and teammates.

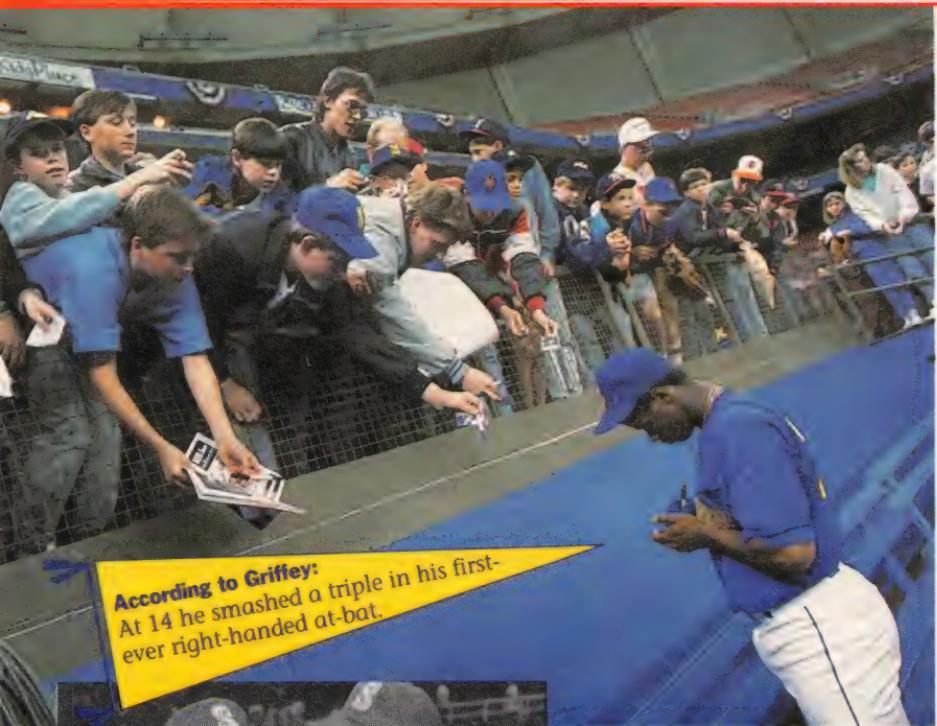
That special Griffey style has made him one of the most popular players across the nation. Did we say "popular"? Baseball fans *love* him. Only one other ballplayer is his equal in the hero department—Mr. Bo Jackson.

And, perhaps because he's not much older than they are, Griffey has a special following among kids. Ken's aware of his youthful fans,

and he sets a good example. He doesn't smoke or drink, and even though he's not known for talking to sportswriters, he'll go out of his way for kids.

"Kids watch the game differently than adults do. Adults watch the game because it's there, but kids watch it because they really like the game. They know

The kid they call "The Natural" could be the biggest star in the whole game.



According to Griffey:
At 14 he smashed a triple in his first-ever right-handed at-bat.



Ken Griffey, Jr., (right)
with younger brother Craig.

it's a lot of fun."

The experts won't pick the Mariners as coming in first next year in a division with the Oakland A's in it. But Ken Griffey, Jr., has brought a spark to this once dying ballclub that could very well translate into a division title soon. And as young as he is, he should still be there when some of his fans are old

enough to play with him.

He has some advice for those kids. "Just be yourself," he says. "Don't worry about anything. Don't imitate anybody. Just be whoever you are."

—Kelly Garrett



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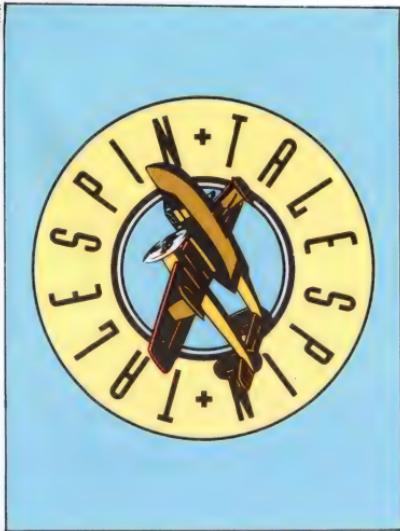
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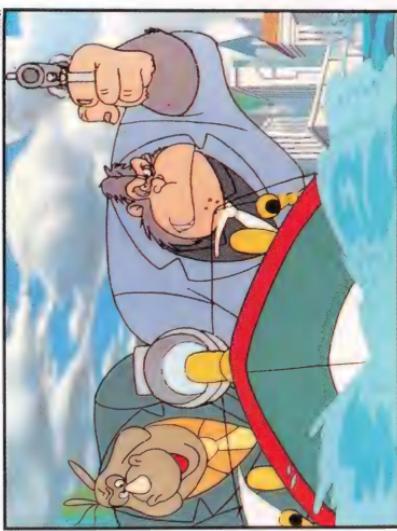
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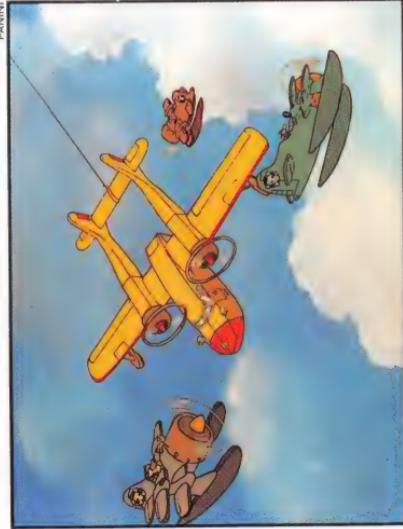


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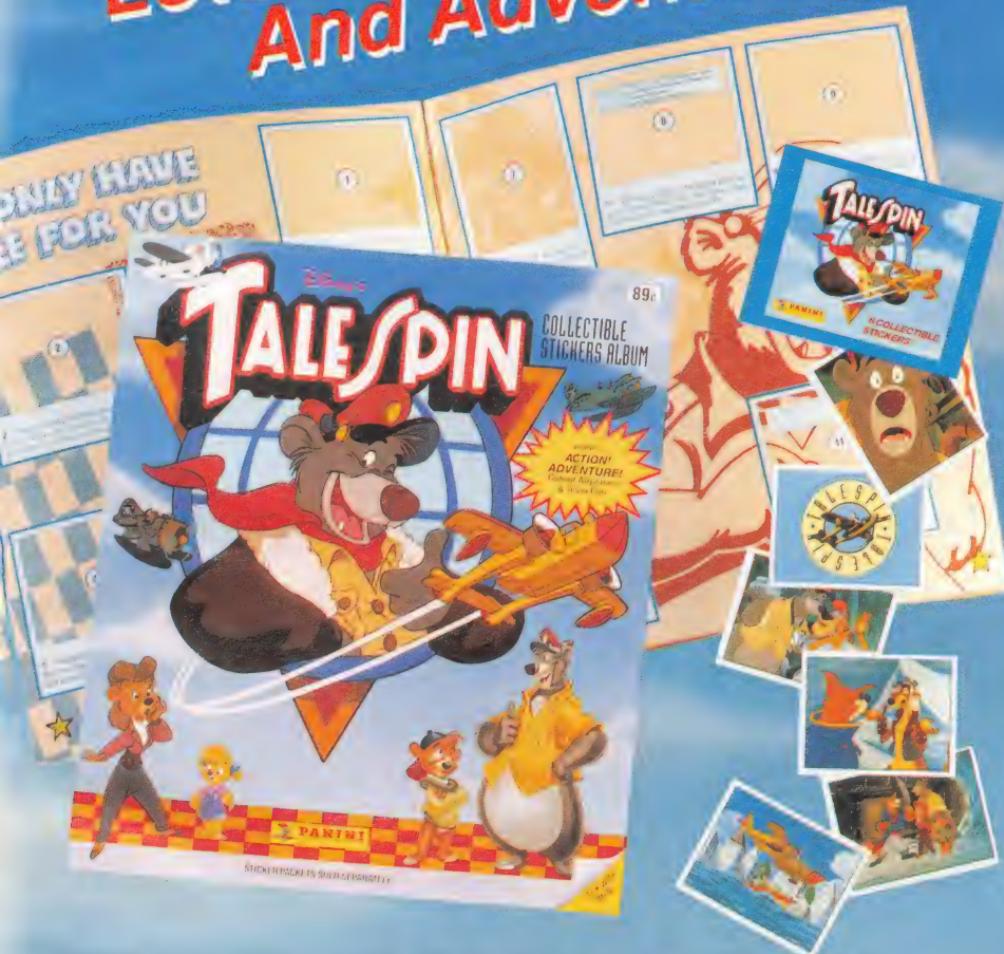


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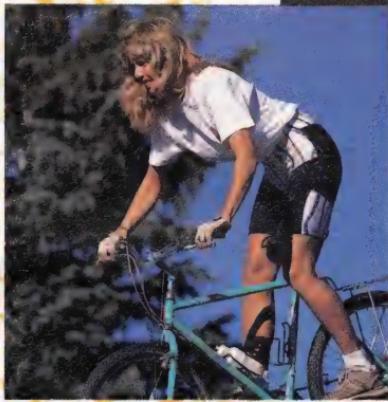
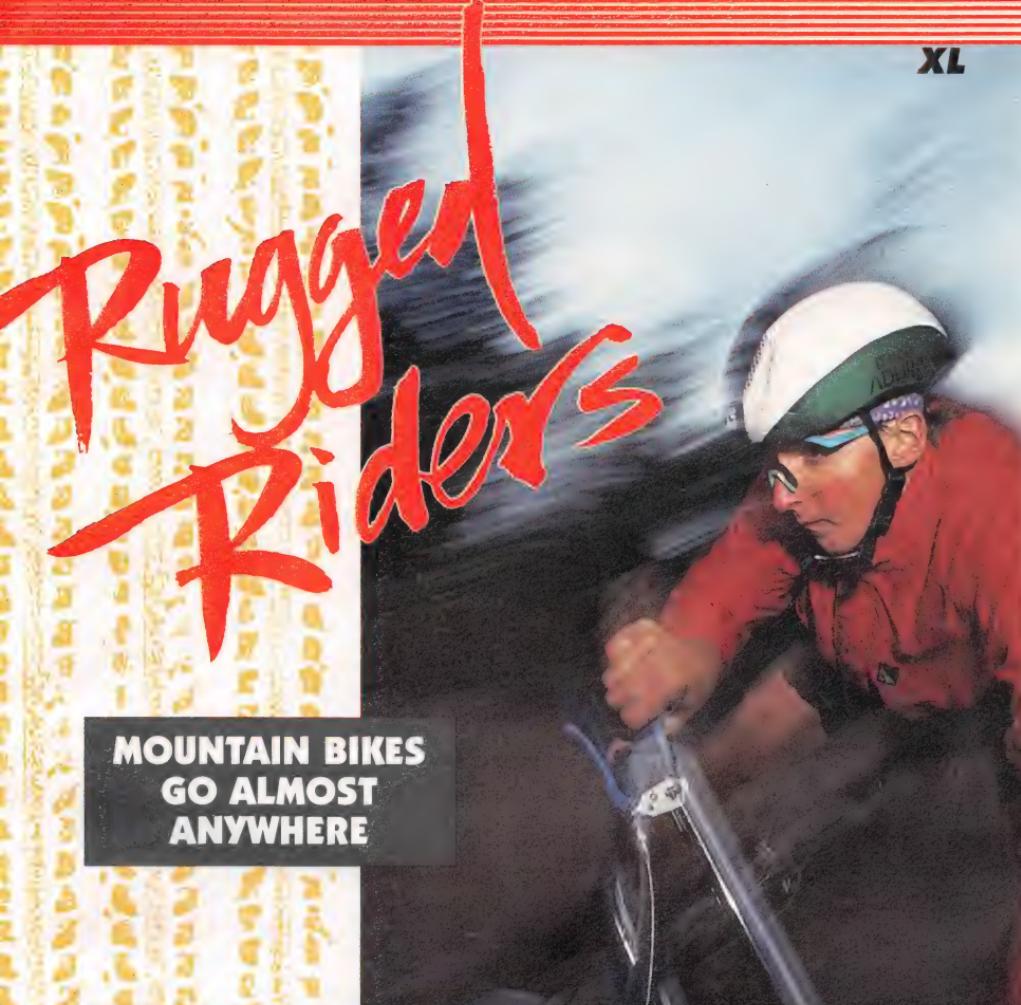
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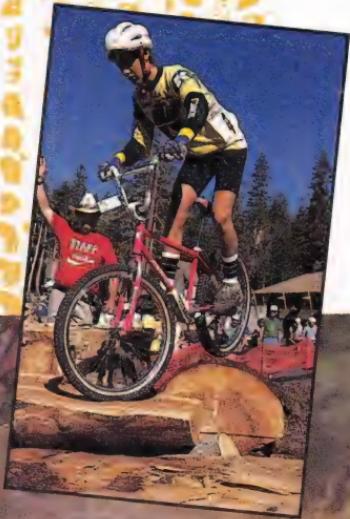
Mountain biking is a dangerous sport. We recommend that you use extreme caution when mountain biking.

Above: Kris Jamieson barrels down Mt. Hood, Oregon. Below: Riding high at Shrine Pass, near Vail, Colorado.

In the '50s, back when "I Love Lucy" was TV's hottest new show, there were only two kinds of bicycles: big, heavy American jobs and quick, light European racers. The American bikes had a lot of chrome and style—some, like the Schwinn Black Phantom, are



JAZZ's "Bold Moves"



collectors' items today—but they were slow and tiring to ride. Eventually, they became extinct.

After that, the racing bike was about all you could get. That was fine for most riders, but it wasn't enough for some rugged folks in Northern California, hikers and outdoors types who wanted to be able to ride bikes just about anywhere. The racing-style bikes, they quickly discovered, couldn't take the punishment.

A New Kind of Bike

In the 1970s a new bike was invented that combined the best



Above: A bumpy ride for Peter Delawy at Mammoth, California. **Below:** The Norba National Championship Series race at Snow Summit, California.

elements of the old-style American bike and the late-model racer. Like the old bikes, it had big tires, strong wheels and a sturdy frame; like the racers, it was stripped down to the bare essentials, had ten speeds or more and was scientifically engineered. They called it a mountain bike.

It didn't take long for the



whole country to catch on to these tough new machines; mountain bikes were just as good for weaving through the potholed streets of New York as for climbing the steep paths of the Rocky Mountains.

Mountain Bikes Today

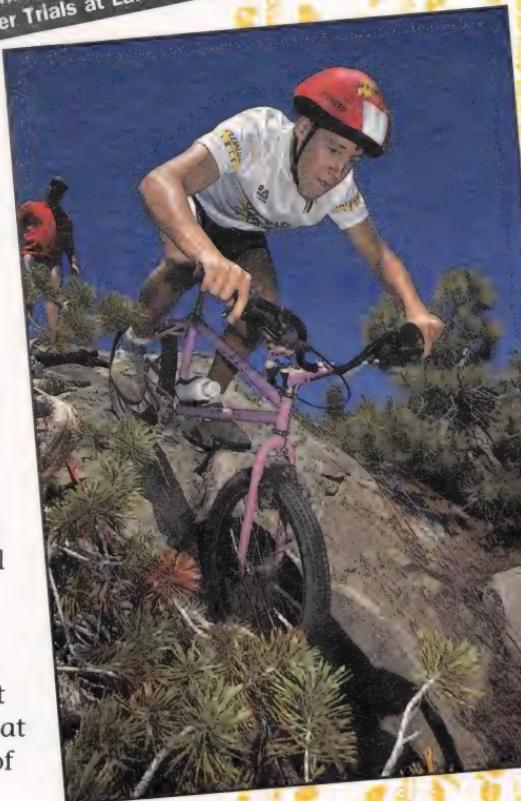
Mountain bikes—also called all-terrain bicycles—come in all sizes and price ranges. They range from small, inexpensive models to luxury bikes like the Trek 8900, which sells for about \$2,000. What do you get for that much money? A frame made of

carbon fiber, just like the Stealth bomber, chrome-moly steel components and a custom-made Italian seat, for starters.

But a mountain bike doesn't have to be that fancy. Whether you spend a few hundred or a few thousand dollars, it will still take you places you never thought possible.

—Fred M. H. Gregory

Left: Mona Jakobsson at Long Canyon, California. Right: Andy Grayson attempts the Donner Trials at Lake Tahoe, California.



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you can get a catchy-like game that has suction darts and paddles with adjustable hand straps. You can call 1-800-AERO-NOW to find out where it's sold.

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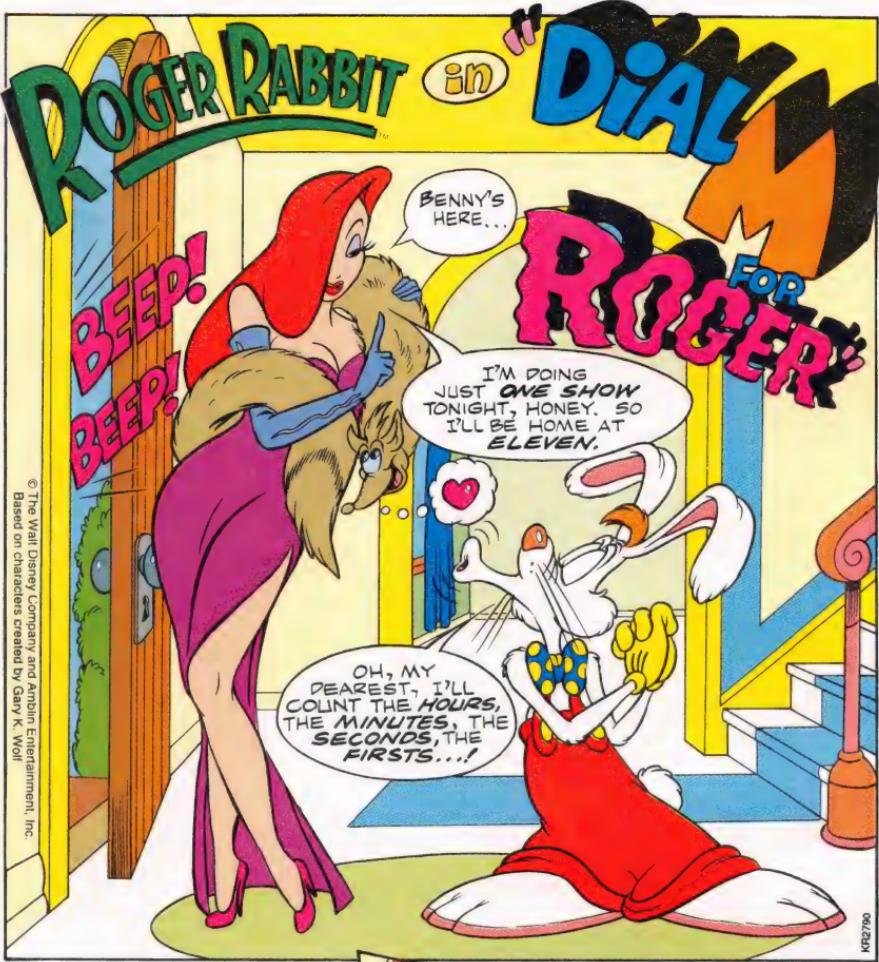
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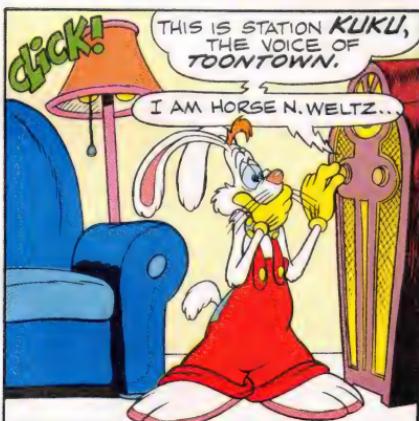
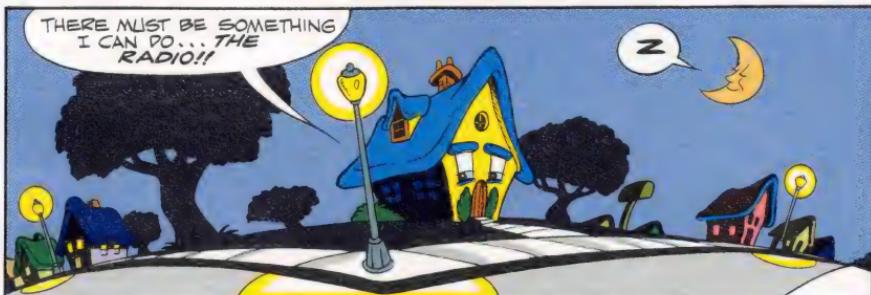


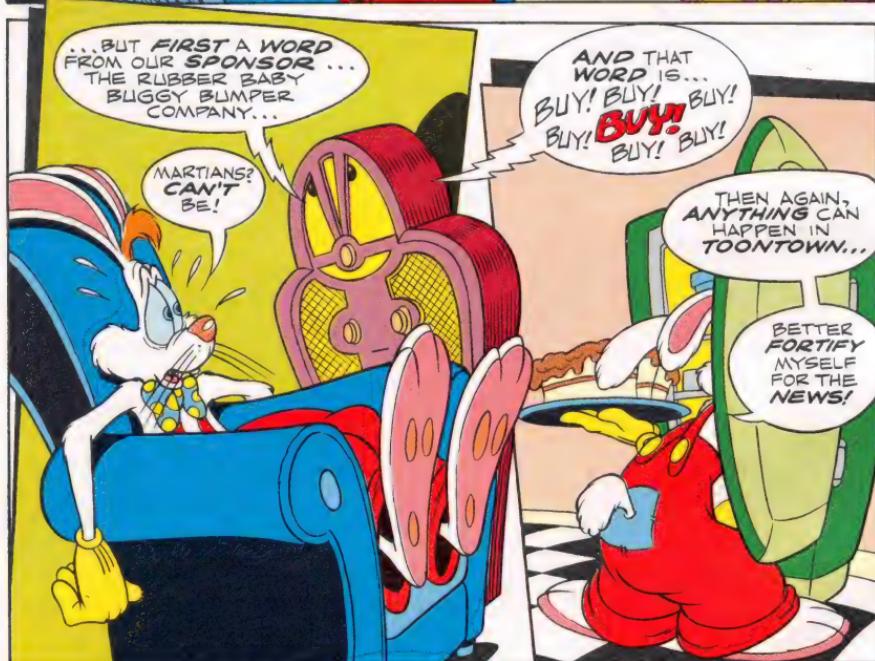
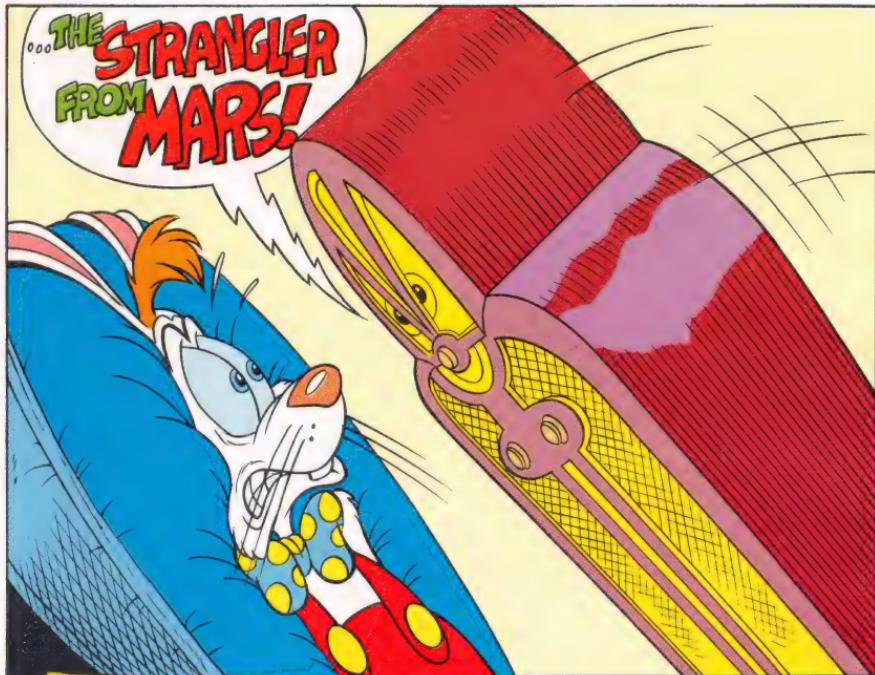
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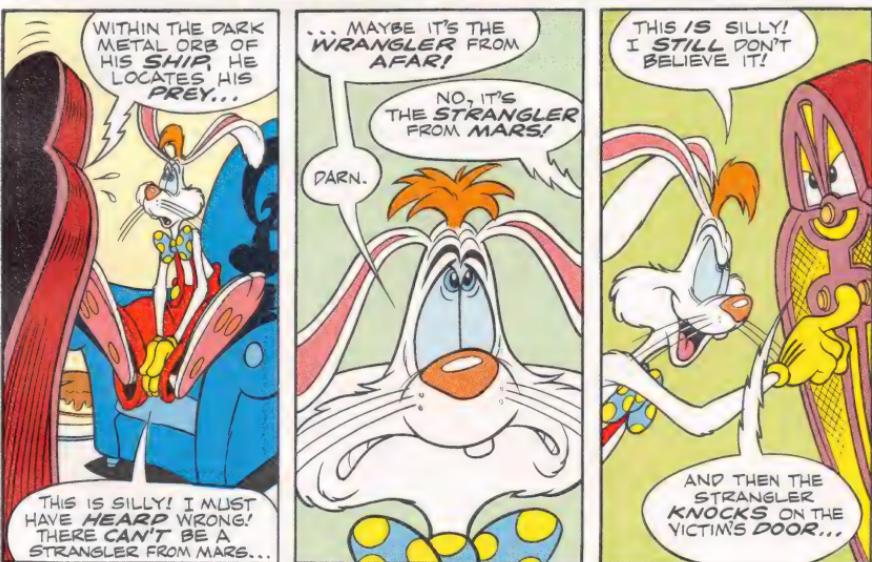
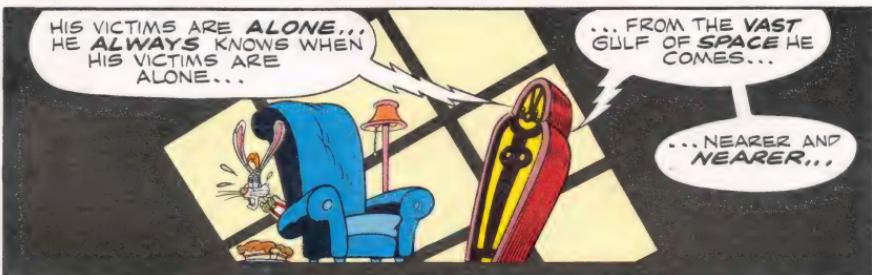
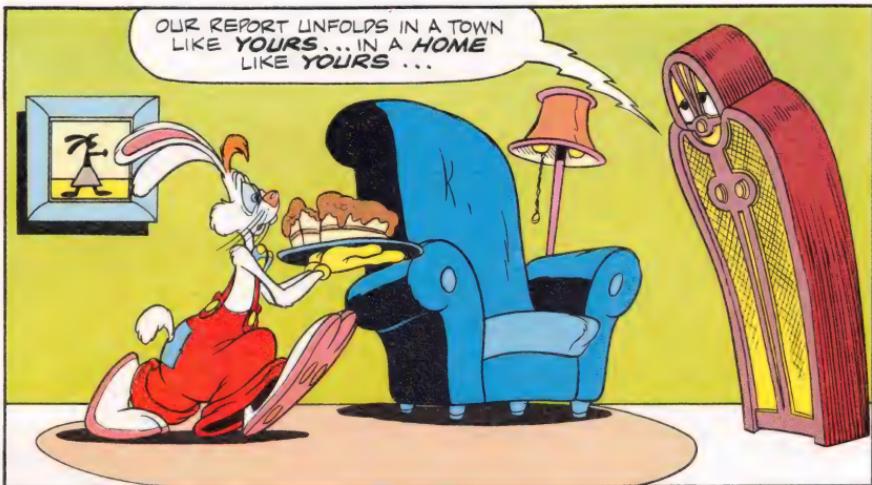
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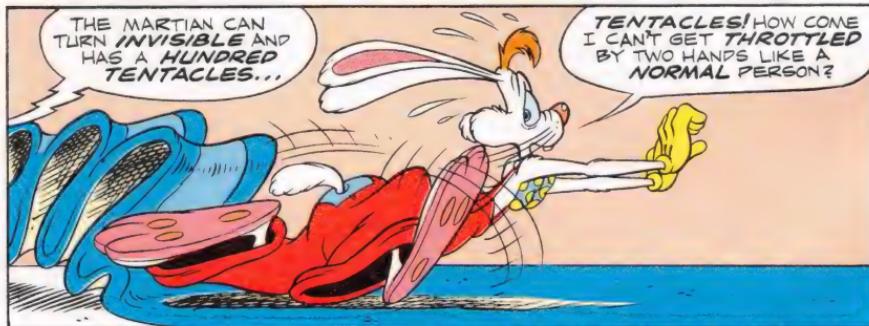
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BY THE TIME YOU PENETRATE
THE MARTIAN'S DISGUISE,
IT WILL BE TOO LATE!

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HE WILL RAISE HIS SYNTHETIC
HAND AND KNOCK ON YOUR
DOOR AGAIN!

UH-OH.

HMM...

NOT A
SOUND... NOT
A PEEP... NOT
A--

KNOCK!
KNOCK!

THE MARTIAN WAITS...
IT KNOWS THAT YOU
CANNOT RESIST
A KNOCK AT YOUR
DOOR!

IT KNOWS
ME! OH, NO!
I GOTTA
SAY IT...

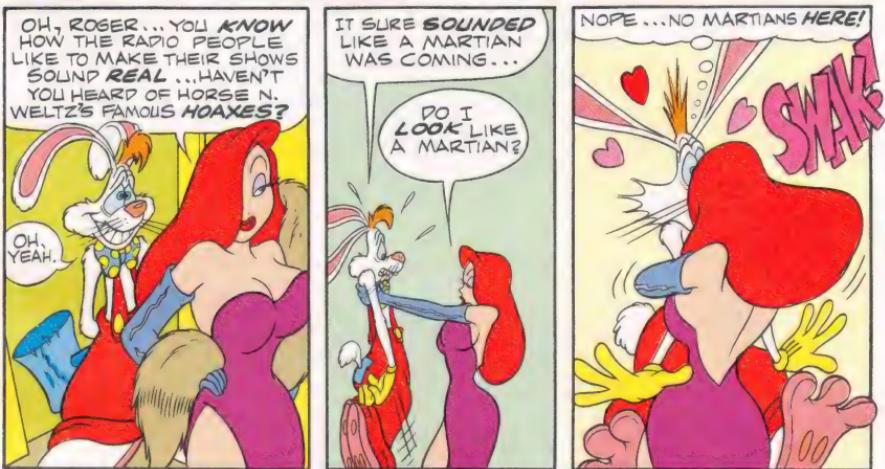
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WHO'S
THERE?

IT'S JESSICA, HONEY.
I FORGOT MY KEYS...

THAT
AIN'T
FUNNY--





**POCKET
NYTHING GOES**

EXCUSES. EXCUSE... EXCUSES!

AND MORE

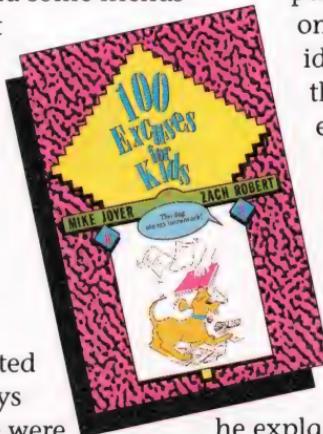
EXCUSES

Do you ever need an excuse to stay up late, avoid doing stuff around the house or get that toy you want? Do you wish you had some friends who were experts at making up surefire excuses? Then you're in luck.

Mike Joyer and Zach Robert both 12 years old, have just written a book called *100 Excuses for Kids*.

"We always wanted to write a book," says Zach. "One day we were bored and started telling each other the excuses we use." They started writing them down and before long had 10 chapters.

Best friends Mike Joyer and Zach Robert have written a book about getting away with almost anything.



"Book Publishers," closed his eyes and pointed. He called the publisher his finger landed on, and they liked the idea of the book. "But they wanted more excuses," Mike said. "We had to come up with 14 more chapters."

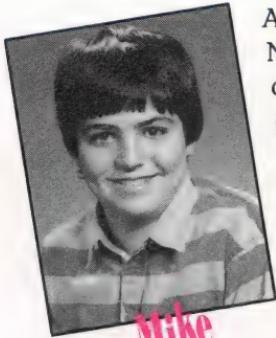
Asked if the excuses were Mike's point of view.

work, Mike pointed out that most of them are just plain funny.

"If you can make your parents laugh," he explains, "they'll be in a better mood." (The excuse works better that way.)

Since the book came out, Mike and Zach have traveled to Los

WORDS



Nike

Angeles and New York and have gone on TV to talk about it. But the best part of the whole experience, Zach

says, is “being able to go into a library and look myself up.”

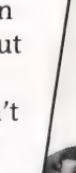
Zach and Mike are now working on a sequel, *America's Best Excuses*. They hope kids from all over the country will send in excuses, and the best will go in the new book.

Here are some they've gotten so far: "If you buy me this, it will benefit the economy." "I can't go to bed because I'm doing an



Zach

experiment to see how long I can go without sleep." "You can't go in my room because my pet snake got loose." "I can't wear a tie because it gives me a sore throat."



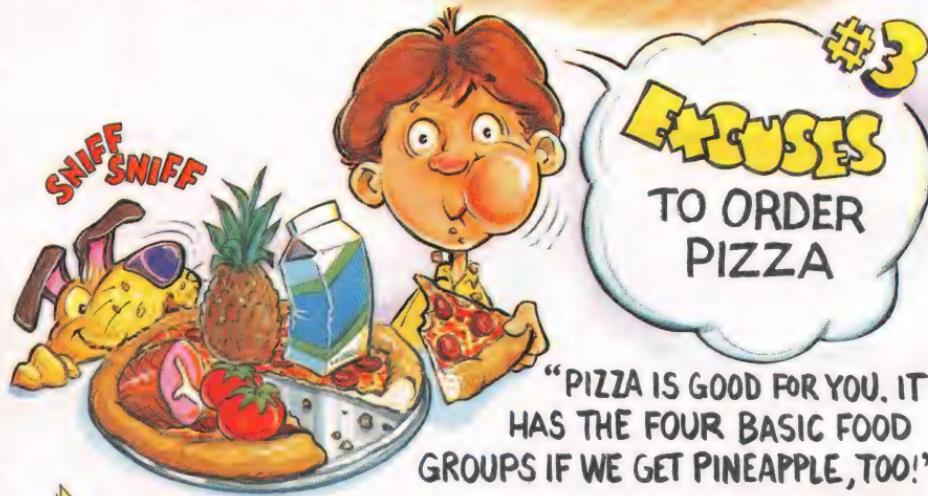
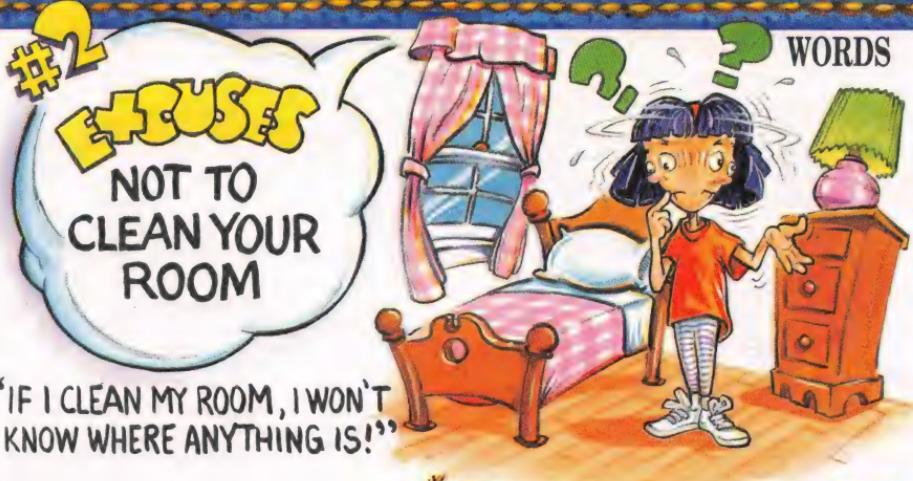
Zach

If you have a good excuse, send it to Mike and Zach, c/o Beyond Words Publishing, Inc., P.O. Box 2097, Portland, OR 97208. Be sure to include your name and address—if they use your excuse they will send you a free copy of the book.

—Eric Elfman



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CHEW

You know those mile-high sandwiches they serve you in restaurants? The ones that stretch the corners of your mouth when you try to eat them? You tilt your head so that your mouth is as tall as the sandwich, except that doesn't work either. So you squeeze one edge to fit it into your mouth, but then all the filling mushes out the other side.

Once there was a kid named Jack who couldn't stand it when that happened. When he grew up

he invented the Squish Sandwich, a big sandwich even a small person could eat.

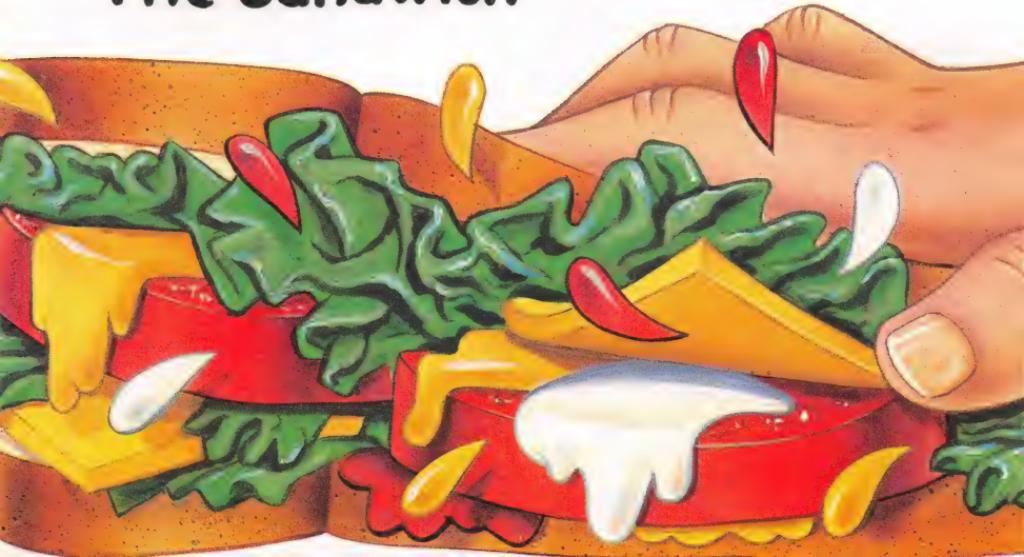
To make a Squish Sandwich, you need two slices of soft, white bread—the kind that's easy to squish with your fingers—a crunchy food and a juicy food. You'll probably add more meat or cheese or your favorite stuff from the refrigerator, because you want a sandwich tall enough to squish.

Put one slice of bread on a

ILLUSTRATION: EDDIE YOUNG

SQUISH

The Sandwich



PUSH DOWN

large plate on the kitchen table. Pile the sandwich makings on the bread. Don't forget something crunchy (Jack recommends potato chips) and something juicy (Jack uses sliced tomatoes). Set the other bread slice on top of this mountain you've built.

Now comes the fun part, but if you're not very tall, you may have to get up on your knees on a chair to do this. Ready? Put the heels of your hands on the sandwich and press. Press harder. That's right...really lean onto that sandwich with all your weight.

Hear the crunchy stuff crunch? Feel the white bread suck up the juicy stuff? See how flat that big old sandwich is? Now why can't restaurants learn this trick?

—*Mary Ellen Strote*

FAVORITE COMBOS

**American or cheddar cheese,
potato chips & sweet pickle slices.**

**Thin layer cream cheese or
peanut butter, thinly sliced
bananas, dates,
Rice Krispies & jam.**

**Slices of hard-boiled
eggs, crisp bacon,
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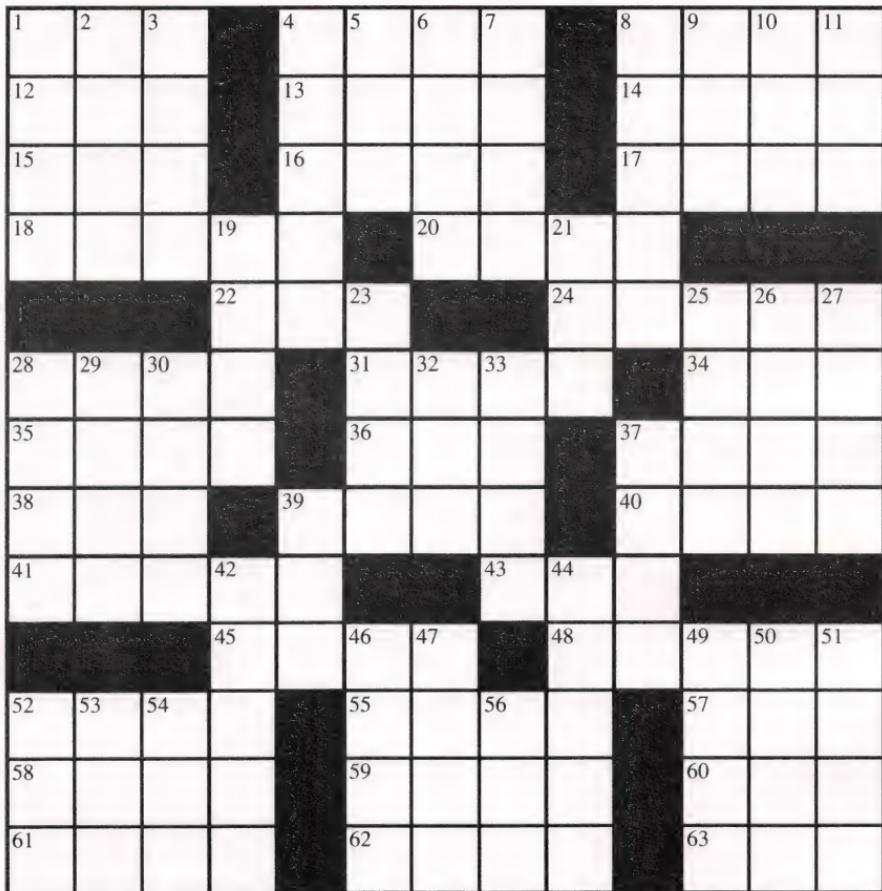
PUZZLES, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

EYE poppers

What would the world look like if you were an ant? These photos give you an idea. Can you guess what each one really is?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____





How'd
you
do? → ANSWERS
on page 125.



ACROSS

1. Alias abbreviation (Also Known As)
4. Spanish for "yes, yes!" (2 words)
8. Great daring; exploit
12. Nothing; naught
13. Pirate's plunder
14. Eye part
15. How many in a pair
16. "Yours, mine and _____"
17. Monopoly or Scrabble, e.g.
18. Number after seven
20. Per person
22. Cry of discovery
24. Different; unlike
28. Apartment in London
31. What a farmer harvests
34. Spanish for gold
35. Ireland's other name
36. "_____ do you do?"
37. Cut hair slightly
38. French friend
39. Stitched
40. "_____ upon a time"
41. Marconi's invention

43. Timid
45. Highbrow
48. What the best movie wins
52. October's birthstone
55. Tom tom or snare
57. Baseball abbreviation (Runs Batted In)
58. Nose, ears and eyes location
59. Relaxation
60. Not young or new
61. Worry
62. Outstanding person
63. Tiny



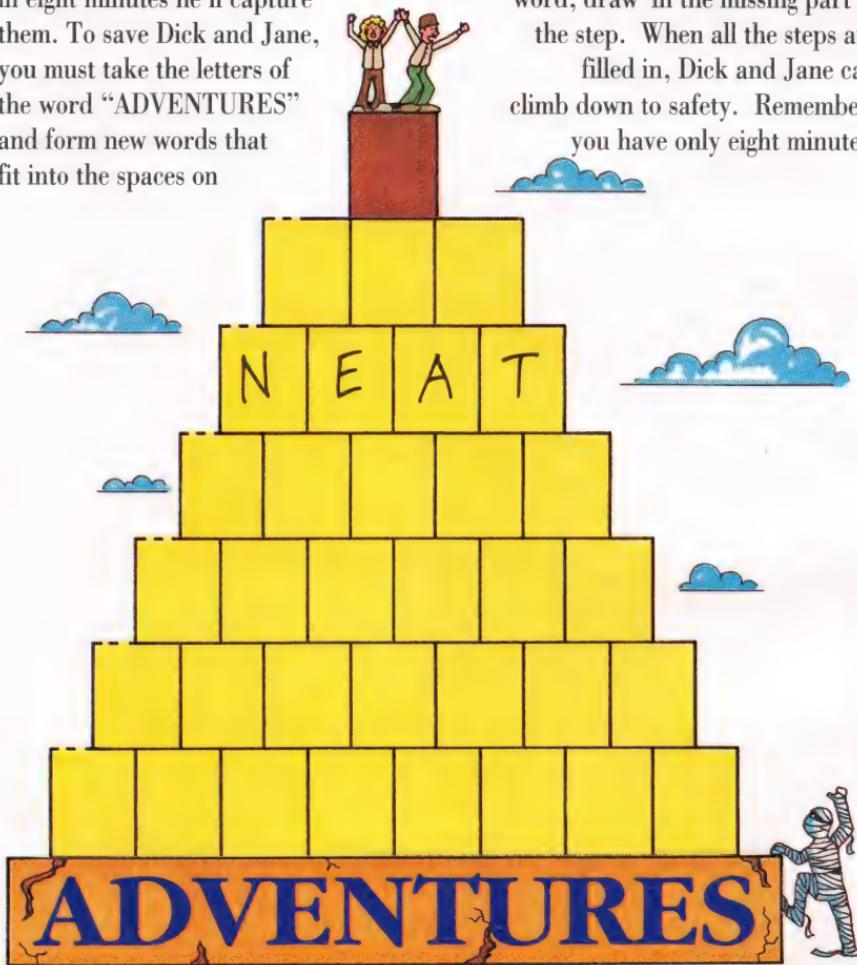
DOWN

1. Prefix that means "before"
2. Flightless bird or fruit
3. "I slept like _____" (2 words)
4. Three-toed creature
5. What you give someone you owe money to
6. Achy
7. "_____, boy!" (2 words)
8. Battle
9. Time period
10. Point a rifle at
11. Half an African fly
19. Love's opposite
21. Slang for a policeman
23. Feel sore
25. Bugle or trombone
26. "_____ the Red"
27. Italy's capital
28. Fright; dread
29. Peru's capital; type of bean
30. Very dry, like the desert
32. "Michael, _____ Your Boat Ashore"
33. Possesses
37. Dolls, games, etc.
39. Male offspring
42. Small island
44. Four base hit (slang)
46. Lyric poems
47. Spoiled child
49. Blackbird
50. Capable
51. Go on a bicycle or horse
52. Opposite of "on"
53. Golf word
54. Highest playing card
56. United States of America (abbrev.)

HELP!

Dick and Jane are trapped on top of an Egyptian pyramid. Every minute, a mummy climbs one step closer, and in eight minutes he'll capture them. To save Dick and Jane, you must take the letters of the word "ADVENTURES" and form new words that fit into the spaces on

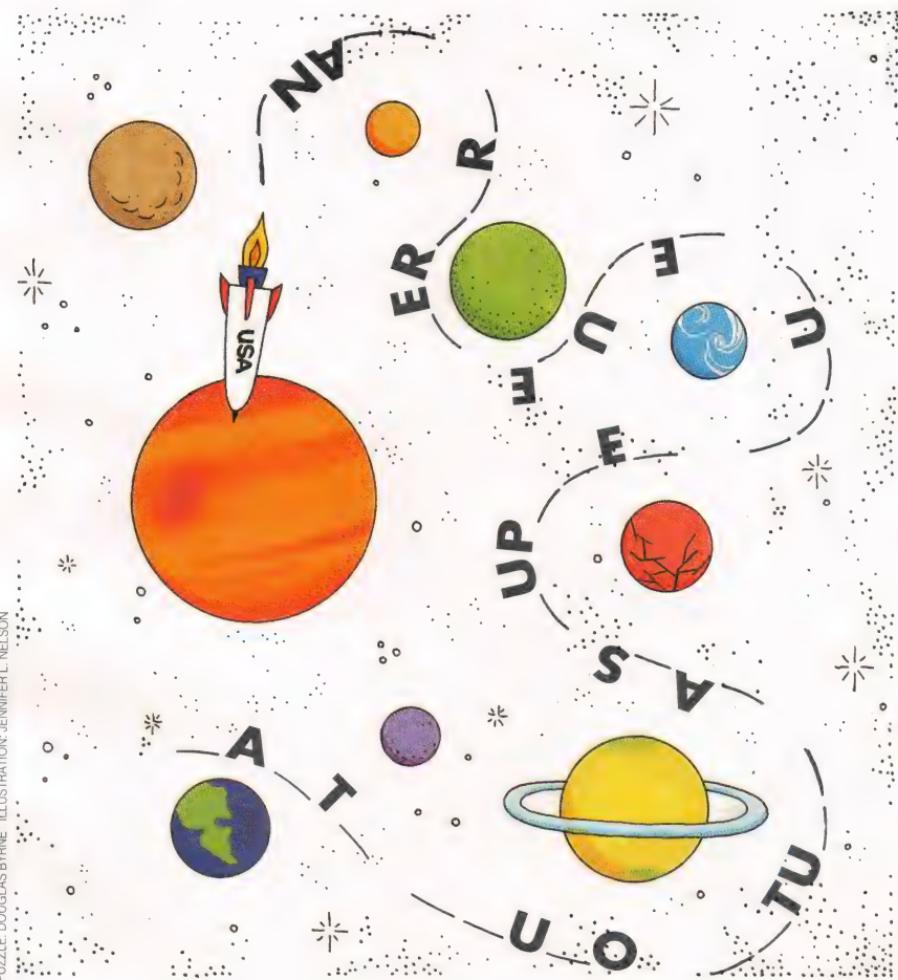
each level of the pyramid. (There are many different words you can form. We've filled in one level to get you started.) When you've filled in a word, draw in the missing part of the step. When all the steps are filled in, Dick and Jane can climb down to safety. Remember, you have only eight minutes!



Puzzle Douglas Byrne Illustration: Jennifer L. Nelson

SPACED OUT!

Your mission is to boldly go where no words have gone before. Fill in the spaces with the letters that correctly spell out the names of the nine planets in our solar system.



PUZZLE: DOUGLAS BYRNE ILLUSTRATION: JENNIFER L. NELSON

See answers on page 125.

ADVENTURES 123

What's Wrong With This Picture?

There are 15 mistakes in this office scene.
Can you find all of them?

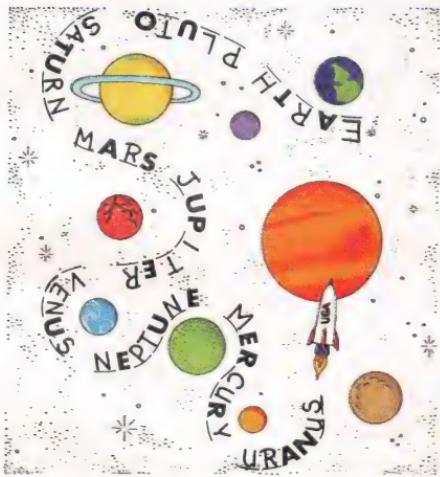


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ANSWERS

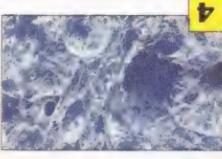


CROSSWORD PUZZLE



SPACED OUT!

8. Pop top on a soft drink can
7. Cracker
6. Toothbrush
5. Clothespin
4. Sponge
3. Tennis racket
2. Baseball
1. Spaghetti



EYE POPPERS

ANSWERS (continued)

There are lots of other words you could have used. Just check the dictionary to make sure they're real words.

- 8 LETTERS - VENTURED, VENTURES, DENTURES
 - 7 LETTERS - VENURE, SATURN, RESTED, AVENUE, SENDER, RENTED
 - 6 LETTERS - NATURE, STARTE, TREES, ENTRÉ, TEAR, VENT, DART
 - 5 LETTERS - UNDERT, NEAT, RUDE, DARE, TEAR, VENT, DART
 - 4 LETTERS - TEEN, NUTS, NEAT, RUDE, DARE, TEAR, VENT, DART
 - 3 LETTERS - VAN, RUN, RAT, SAD, NUT, RED, SUN, DEN
- Examples of words you might have used to fill in the spaces of the pyramid:

HELP!

- 15.) The tile floor has a pillar in it.
- 14.) The office on the left has a staircase that leads to nowhere.
- 13.) The woman sitting to the left of the room divider has a microwave oven on her desk and is cooking a chicken in it.
- 12.) The window on the right shows a night sky.
- 11.) There is a staircase in the right ceiling fixture.
- 10.) The buildings in the background of the center window are upside down.
- 9.) The legs of the woman at the water cooler are facing the wrong way.
- 8.) The window washer is floating in the air.
- 7.) The lettering on the cooler is backwards.
- 6.) The water in the cooler is floating in the container jug.
- 5.) The woman using a computer is floating from the right of the room divider.
- 4.) There is a mouse hole in the desk to the right of the room divider.
- 3.) The desk lamp has no base or stem supporting it.
- 2.) The supervisor of the man on the computer has three arms.
- 1.) The man using the computer has both eyes in the right lens of his glasses.

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